



Road Trip Nation Video

How can you make your educational and career exploration tools more relevant and compelling to your students?

Made possible with support from the California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office, our new documentary "[Community Driven](#)" follows three California community college students as they travel across the state to sit down with California's change makers and community college alumni, and hear what's possible for their futures.

We're excited to debut this one-hour special to your staff and students because the themes are so uniquely tailored to them.

The students featured in this special are representative of many of the students on your own campus, and their experiences will ring true with many, while opening the eyes of others:

- 20-year-old Melina from MiraCosta College is a DACA student wrestling with her identity—and her future—in the present social climate.
- 26-year-old Rodney speaks to how Orange Coast College let him leave a tough neighborhood behind, and start channeling his pain and frustration into social change.
- 19-year-old Summer is currently attending Modesto Junior College, but is starting to navigate the somewhat-intimidating task of transferring to a larger university.

Over the course of their road trip, the three students conduct candid interviews with California community college alumni from all different backgrounds, working in all sorts of industries.

The stories from these leaders will give your students a blueprint for how to move forward after community college, and may even expose students to jobs they hadn't previously considered. Here's a selection of the leaders featured in the film:

- Reyna Grande, author
 - Growing up undocumented, the Pasadena City College alumni uses her experiences as an immigrant to write books that are taught in many high schools across the country.
- Adam Balogh, machine technology instructor, Laney College
 - After initially getting a degree in comparative literature, a machine technology degree from Laney College helped him make the switch to working as a machinist and YouTube streamer.
- Frank Cruz, cofounder, Telemundo
 - After time spent as a teacher, writer, and reporter, he helped start the United States' second ever Spanish language television channel. Much of his reporting experiences drew from his time spent studying history at East Los Angeles College.

"Community Driven" is currently available to watch for free online [here](http://bit.ly/35ympv6) (<http://bit.ly/35ympv6>). To make it easy, here's a short template you can send to students:

"Community Driven" is a brand new documentary following three California community college students as they road-trip through the Golden State to find and celebrate stories where community college made all the difference.

Through interviews with California's changemakers and community college alumni working in all kinds of fields—from teaching, to machine technology, to environmental justice—you'll start to see all of the exciting places that a community college education can take you.

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