

# CASP STUDENT NEWSLETTER

## CASPCON23

Kyna, a student board representative, attended the CASP board meeting on October 10, 2023, to gain insights into initiatives and goals and to highlight information that was shared amongst the CASP board members.

### CASP CONVENTION 2023

- Approximately 1,150 attendees registered for CASP this year, exceeding last year's number of 850 attendees.

### LEGISLATIVE REPORT

- Over a third of new members were sworn into the Senate or the assembly. This has prompted CASP to continue educating new members on school psychologists' role and the need to address mental health.
- Of the total number of bills sent to the Senate, 800 bills were passed to Governor Gavin Newsom. 100 of these bills were regarding K-12 education.
- Governor Gavin Newsom approved a CASP-sponsored bill that will allow revisions of the Local Education Agency Billing Options Medi-Cal Billing Option Program for it to become more user-friendly, have shorter timeliness on audits and reviews, and ensure that all Medi-Cal eligible services can be reimbursed.



### THE FUTURE OF ASSESSMENT FOR AFRICAN AMERICAN STUDENTS:

CASP recently released guidance based on the most recent conversations with the California Department of Education (CDE) and their memorandum. The guidance noted that school psychologists in CA can now administer IQ tests to African American Students except when they are suspected of having an Intellectual Disability (ID). CASP recommends school psychologists utilize best practices in assessment for students, including engaging in review of all records, interviews, observations, and adaptive scales prior to IQ tests. CASP will be continuing to send out further guidance documents.

Read more [here](#).

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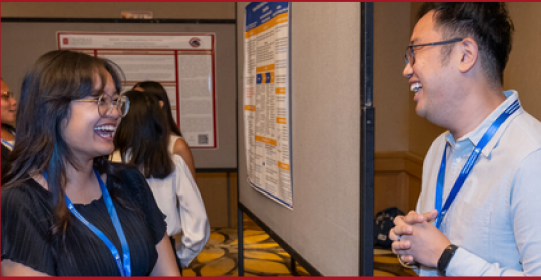
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● PROGRAM SPOTLIGHT ●



Cal State Long Beach School Psychology Program has **two** grants for students who apply and are selected! The Culturally Responsive Instruction and Intervention in Self-Determination Programs (CRISP) grant provides scholars an average of \$13,530 per year of training. On the grant, scholars facilitate self-determination groups for students with disabilities in grades K-12. The Increasing School Psychologists to Implement Robust Mental Health Services for Diverse Youth (InSPIR) grant provides students \$16,000 (\$21,000 for out-of-state residents) per year of training. Grant scholars will learn to provide culturally responsive, evidence-based mental health services to students in schools in Los Angeles. Scholars on the grant partner with the Long Beach Trauma Recovery Center and receive training on tier 2 and tier 3 mental health services.



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