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UNITE-LA Launches K-16 California State Investments Crosswalk

The L.A. Compact's Postsecondary team developed a **digital tool** outlining 17 state investments that advance education and economic equity for students. Each investment will close equity and opportunity gaps to better serve students' social well-being and prepare students for college and career success.

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Collective Impact in Action



The K-16 Collaborative

Since Mid-February, L.A. Compact staff, also serving as regional conveners of the L.A. Region K-16 Collaborative, have been bringing stakeholders together from across the county to disperse \$13.9 million in funds. The L.A. Region K-16 Collaborative builds on the work and partnership of the L.A. Compact, formed to eliminate enrollment and completion disparities for BIPOC students in health care, computer science and engineering pathways.

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Welcome Aboard, L.A. Unified Cohort 4 Community Schools

In February, the L.A. Unified Community Schools Steering Committee welcomed 21 new schools as the fourth cohort of the Community Schools Initiative. The schools will start their transformation journey during the 2023-24 school year, with each school receiving a community school coordinator and a community representative. In March, L.A. Unified applied for a 2023 California Community Schools Partnership Program Implementation Grant, which would provide an additional \$33.4 million to support Cohort 4 community schools over five years.

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Systemic Coordination is in Focus as the LAP3 Undergoes New Strategic Planning

In 2021, more than 25,000 additional 16- to 24-year-olds were disconnected from school and work in Los Angeles compared to 2019. Notably, students recorded gains in their connection to school in 2019. In response, UNITE-LA, New Ways to Work and the L.A. Opportunity Youth Collaborative (OYC) are reconvening leaders to renew the LAP3 strategic plan, reaffirming our commitment to transforming systems and improving opportunity youth outcomes.

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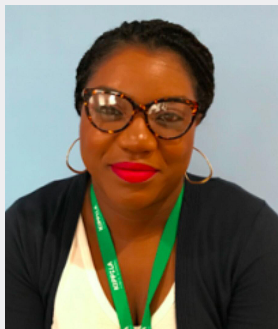
Our Corner

Welcome, Dominique Rougeau!



We are thrilled to have Dominique Rougeau join the team as our L.A. Compact Coordinator. In this role, Dominique will support the day-to-day tasks of L.A. Compact work groups, including co-convening the L.A. Unified School District's Community Schools Steering Committee. She will also be responsible for enhancing the Compact's visibility and elevating the work of UNITE-LA and the Compact partners across multiple communication platforms. [Read more.](#)

Welcome, Amber Chatman!



We are excited to have Amber Chatman join the L.A. Compact team as our new Director of Workforce Systems and Policy. In this role, Amber will lead strategies to increase the capacity of public workforce systems, build political will for equity-centered workforce strategies, and influence employer practices to improve economic mobility for opportunity youth and low-income workers. [Read more.](#)



Welcome, Eric Iskowitz!

We are excited to welcome Eric Iskowitz to the L.A. Compact team in his role as Research and Evaluation (R&E) Manager! In this role, Eric will be engaging in a range of R&E projects across the organization.

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The L.A. Compact is convened primarily by UNITE-LA. Select workgroups are convened by other partner agencies.



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