

## Ways to Fund Free Higher Ed:

Progressive income tax => The Reclaim Higher Ed Coalition has found that we could fund free higher ed in CA by increasing income taxes - only by \$48/year for the average CA family, with higher income families paying more.

"We say the rich can afford to contribute to the higher ed system that they once attended for free!!"

Reinstate an estate tax => Over the past 35 years, California's tax on millionaires who pass inheritances down to their children has been decimated on a state and federal level.

"We say bring back the estate tax and make millionaires pay their fair share to fund education!"

Oil severance tax => Prop 87 in 2006 and Senate Bill 1017 were the recent measures that tried to levy a tax on every barrel drilled from the ground of CA. They would have provided \$2 billion a year to finance CA higher Ed. A number of other states tax oil extraction. In fact, California is the only major oil-producing state that doesn't have a tax like this.



"We say tax oil companies and fund education!"

## FIND SQE ON YOUR CAMPUS!

*Check out our social media and follow us:*

 /SQEStatewide

 @CSUSQEstimatewide

 humans\_ofthe\_csu

 CSU SQE statewide

VISIT OUR STATEWIDE SQE  
[www.csusqe.org](http://www.csusqe.org)



**WE BELIEVE IN**

*Free Higher Education*

**FOR ALL!**

# Who We Are

SQE was formed in 2007 by students in the California State University (CSU) system to build the student movement for educational rights in public higher education. We are assisted in our efforts by the California Faculty Association.

## What We Do

- 2008: SQE along with students, staff & faculty held rallies and protests that resulted in \$98 million restored to the CSU.
- 2009-2010: Historic walkouts, occupations, and protest resulted in an additional \$365.6 million in funding for the CSU.
- Nov. 2012: Advocated and helped pass prop. 30, which prevented a \$250 million budget cut to the CSU.
- Dec. 2012: Chancellor Reed resigned, following years of student protest and demands for his resignation.
- Summer 2013: Students won a tuition "freeze" for the coming years
- Spring and Fall 2014: Students at several CSU's defeated "Student Success Fees".
- 2016: Students and faculty rallied together to demand a fair contract for faculty and won, and then joined a state-wide coalition to pass a ballot initiative that will provide sustained funding to the CSU
- 2017: Despite a powerful student campaign, Trustees voted to impose a 5% tuition increase for 2017-18. However, more CSU students than ever joined the student movement through this work, and for the first time ever convinced the Trustees to split their vote, with seven Trustees voting "No."

# Higher Ed in California: The CA Master Plan

The master plan was created in the 1960's by a team of legislators, educators, & researchers to create a coherent & synchronized system of higher education in California. Here what the plan did:

- Created CC's, CSU's & UC's, the largest system of public higher education in the US
- Created an educational pipeline for California residents
- Goal to establish TUITION FREE CSU's & UC's for all California residents

## The Master Plan Today



The Board of Trustees have ignored the master plan & raise tuition & fees as they please. As California faces a shortage of college graduates, NOW is the time to RECLAIM the master plan to have FREE higher education for all Californians.

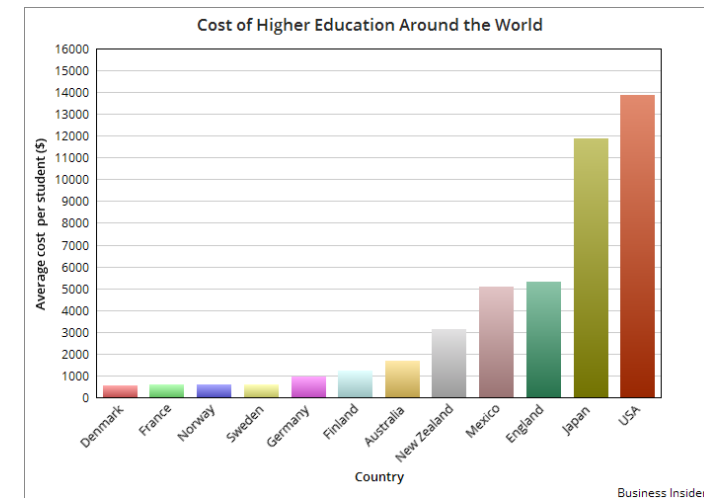
# Free Higher Education in the world

## Europe

Many European countries offer free tuition at public universities on some level for their citizens and European Union citizens.

**Austria, the Czech Republic,  
Denmark, Finland, Greece,  
Hungary, Iceland, Ireland,  
Norway, Poland, Slovenia & Sweden**

\*It's important to note that some of these countries (i.e. Finland) have the right to education in their constitution!



Countries such as Finland, whose school system ranks #1 in the world, and Germany, whose tuition applies to anyone who wishes to ask themselves this crucial question--is education a human right? For every country outperforming the U.S. in education, the answer is yes!