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Source: National Public Radio
Title: College Graduates Struggle to Repay Loans
Published: November 23, 2009
Author: Claudio Sanchez
Quoted: Gregory Cendana, USSA President

“Cendana was the first in his family to attend college, and his parents could not contribute much to his education. Even though he received the maximum amount of federal assistance, he still worked three jobs during college. He graduated from UCLA with \$40,000 in loan and credit card debt...

‘It’s difficult, and I feel like I shouldn’t have to live paycheck to paycheck, especially with a UCLA degree,’ says Cendana, president of the United States Student Association.”

Source: Cox News Broadcasting: Dayton (WHIO-TV), Pittsburgh (WPXI-TV), San Francisco (KTVU-TV), Seattle (KIRO-TV), Johnstown (WJAC-TV), and Charlotte (WSOC-TV)
Story: College Tuition
Broadcast: November 25, 2009
Reporter: Scott MacFarlane
Quoted: Gregory Cendana, USSA President

“California [UC Regents vote to raise fees] is an example of what’s happening across the country. Students are not only seeing continued fee increases, but decreased financial aid as well as a decrease of services; so, where’s the benefit in that?”

Source: The Hill
Title: Private Lenders Focus on Jobs in Student Loan Fight
Published: November 30, 2009
Author: Maryann Dreas
Quoted: Angela Peoples, USSA Legislative Director

“Students are really excited about [the Student Aid and Fiscal Responsibility Act] [because] they will be able to graduate with less debt,” said Angela Peoples, legislative director of the U.S. Student Association.

Source: OregonLive.com
Title: Prioritizing Higher Education in Oregon
Published: December 10, 2009
Author: Getachew Kassa, USSA Board Member
Quoted: N/A

Getachew was the guest columnist for the editorial.

Find a complete listing of the articles at <http://www.usstudents.org/press-room/ussa-in-the-news>

