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Father of Two Creates a Website to Help All Students Navigate Postsecondary Education
Student Caffé is a free online resource for high school and college students

METAIRIE, La. -- Student Caffé, an online resource for current and prospective high school and college students, provides accurate information about college admissions without implementing a paywall. “We want to help all students,” says executive director Megan Clendenon. “If we charged a fee for our service, we’d essentially alienate students who are already vulnerable in one way or another—whether they don’t know how to pursue education after high school or can’t afford it. Taking steps to enhance your future, whether it’s job training, college, or making the decision to work or join the military before pursuing education, shouldn’t cost money, and we stand by that.”

The brainchild of Randy Gervais, a father of two local to Metairie, Student Caffé was created out of necessity. Randy’s educational path was as untraditional as they come: leaving high school early to train as a jockey and opening an audiovisual company at 27 years old after retiring from the world of sports. He never attended college, but after becoming a father, he realized the importance of higher education and wanted to do everything in his power to support his children and help them go farther in their education than he ever did. This website, which acts as a virtual counselor guiding students and their parents through admissions, financial aid, and college life, does just that.

With over 200 articles covering topics from transfer students to federal financial aid to health and wellness—over 40% of which are also available in Spanish—Student Caffé offers tailored advice for students in all stages of their education. Recognizing that no two students are the same, articles are broken into sections based on student type (high school student, adult student, student without documents, etc.) and postsecondary pathway (four-year college, vocational education, the military, etc.). Further sections break down financial aid, extracurricular activities, housing, health, and safety. Information that can’t be found on studentcaffe.com can be found on its sister site, blog.studentcaffe.com, where staff and contributing guest authors delve into the details of relationships, career advice, and scholarship opportunities.

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