FEMALE ANCHOR: Changing the subject. Going to college is almost like an impossible dream for many, due to high cost tuition.

MALE ANCHOR: And as Sandra Cervantes will show us, for Latin students it’s even more expensive, since they are the ethnic group graduating with higher student debt.

SANDRA CERVANTES: The average debt for students attending private colleges it’s more than $36,000. There are few cases, like two brothers from the Bay Area that, presumably, were able to graduate with no debt at all.

Just before of the graduation ceremony of the Making Waves, these Salvadorian parents celebrate the academic success of his son. Thanks to the financial help of the CAP program, he will follow on his older brother steps.

MARCO ANTONIO HERNÁNDEZ: I got $10,000 a year for four years to attend Macalester College.

SANDRA CERVANTES: Says Marco Antonio, talking about the help he got from CAP, where he was offered, not only financial aid, but also counseling and information of different opportunities that also were available for his brother Miguel.

MIGUEL HERNÁNDEZ: There are scholarships available, they only need to apply.

SANDRA CERVANTES: These scholarships could help students minimize their student loan debt. This is the reason many students get discouraged and decide not to pursue a college education.

ANA HERNÁNDEZ: This has been the biggest blessing for us.
SANDRA CERVANTES: A blessing that gives them great feelings because they know they have successful students at home.

ANA HERNÁNDEZ: Pride, excitement. My sons won’t have to take hard jobs, like us, like my husband. They are going to get good jobs. Ah, excuse me. They have to keep going, and be good young men.

SANDRA CERVANTES: Sandra Cervantes, Noticiero Telemundo 48.

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