

Minnesota College Access Network

"Building a Network to Impact College Pathways
for all Minnesotans."

December 2009

MCAN FALL UPDATE

This fall, MCAN held five scholarship nights, hosted eleven college access professional development events and provided direct family outreach for financial aid at ten sites across the state. These events **reached over 1000 students and family members** and **over 200 professionals** from September to December!

MCAN Staff attended the National College Access Network Conference, the Harlem Children's Zone Conference and the release of the IES Practice Guide. For information or materials from these events, please contact [Amanda](#).

In addition, Program Associate Amanda Ziebell-Finley, presented at the [Canadian Post-Secondary Access Partnership](#) and Director Jennifer Godinez received the Distinguished Alumnus Award for Community Service Award given annually by the [National Hispanic Institute](#).

For more information about upcoming events or to see photos from Fall 2009, please see the [MCAN website!](#)

MCAN E-Alerts

As a member of the Minnesota College Access Network, you will receive these e-alerts with news on college access in Minnesota and around the country.

If you are not a member yet, visit our website at www.mncollegeaccess.org to join online!

NEWS AND LINKS

[The College Fear Factor \(Inside Higher Ed\)](#) 11/18/2009

[The Price of an Enrollment Shortfall \(Inside Higher Ed\)](#) 11/30/2009

[Minnesota: Underrepresented Student Enrollment Increases 22 Percent in State College System \(Prairie Business\)](#) 11/23/2009

Tools

Doorway to Your Dreams: They Did It, You Can, Too!

The Doorway Center at Sunray Library will host this event on December 14th from 7pm-8pm. For more information [download the informational flier](#).

College Goal Sunday

[College Goal Sunday](#) (CGS) is a national program that provides free information and assistance to low income families who are filling out the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). If you are interested in being a site for CGS, please contact Shannon Schaaf at SMSchaaf@stkate.edu. To find a date and site near you, [click here](#).

FAFSA Webinar from Great Lakes

In less than an hour, and from the comfort of your office, you can learn everything you need to know to help your students complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). Simply register for one or both of the Great Lakes webinars, select the time that works best for your schedule, and let our experts give you all of the information you need. [Register now](#).

New Scholarship Program for Immigrant Families

The [Western Union Foundation's](#) Family Scholarship Program is a new educational initiative for



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migrants, immigrants, and their families in the United States. The Family Scholarship Program is intended to help two members of the same family move up the economic development ladder through education. Recipients are eligible to receive scholarships in amounts of \$1,000 to \$5,000 per family. Applications for the winter scholarship are due February 5, 2010. Visit the Western Union Foundation Web site for complete program information.
<http://corporate.westernunion.com/scholarship.html>.

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