



MCAN E-Alerts

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

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MESSAGE FROM JENNIFER GODINEZ, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF MCAN

My Fellowship to Europe with the German Marshall Fund (GMF) was amazing. I had a glimpse of what 5 nations in Europe are doing to prepare its citizens and institutions for a new age of globalization. Given these comparisons of educational systems and outcomes for youth worldwide, my European fellowship reiterated one clear fact for me—that college access in the United States is the core strategy to reaching the goal of **full** participation and **successful preparation of all our students** for the global marketplace. I believe these trends stress the need to continue the work and make stronger focus financial aid access and college preparation access and quality through the Minnesota College Access Network. [Read Jennifer's full message here.](#)

UPCOMING MCAN EVENTS

Resources for Immigrant Students, Saint Cloud, December 11, 2008

Financial Focus on Undocumented Students, Neighborhood House, January 22, 2008

MCAN trainings are FREE for members and high school counselors. For additional details, or to register for MCAN events, please see our [EVENTS WEBSITE](#).

MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

Saint Paul Mayor Chris Coleman's Office is a MCAN member working to increase college access through the Doorway College and Career Center. The Doorway Centers seek to spark youth's aspirations for attending college, broaden their concept of what college can mean and help youth plan for life beyond high school. For more information or to find out how to volunteer, [click here](#).

NEWS AND LINKS

National News

[How the Economic Hard Times Will Affect Colleges](#). Chronicle of Higher Education, November 14, 2008.


[Gates Foundation Puts New Focus on College Completion](#). Chronicle of Higher Education. November 12, 2008.

[Higher Education in the Age of Obama](#). Inside Higher Ed. November 10, 2008.

Local News

[Governor Pawlenty and Minnesota State Colleges and Universities chair announce online learning initiative](#). Read about MNSCU's initiative to increase participation in online coursework to twenty-five percent.

Online Tools



[Download or request a free copy of Focus on Financial Aid](#), a guide to major federal and Minnesota financial aid programs.

[Printable List of Documents Needed for filling out the FAFSA](#). A list of documents students will need to fill out the FAFSA in January. This list can help them prepare and collect the correct information early.

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