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MCAN NEWS

MESSAGE FROM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR –MCAN's NEW POLICY PAGE

This message is to everyone who wants to realize the dream of college access and equal preparation for college by all! There has never been a more important time to pay attention to the details of public policy that impacts college opportunity in our community. Your role in making public policy fair and just requires just a little bit of time and attention...check-out the [MCAN public policy website page](#), inform your co-workers, students and others when key decisions are going to be made, and then contact your legislator or MCAN staff to make your voice heard in the process! [For Godinez' full message, click here.](#)

News and Links

National News

PROJECT ON STUDENT DEBT AGENDA FOR 2009

Increasing access to need-based aid, increasing the Pell Grant, simplifying the FAFSA, providing incentives to colleges that serve low-income students, allowing private loans to be discharged through bankruptcy, and ensuring easy access to income based loan repayment, top the [Project on Student Debt's agenda for 2009.](#)

RECESSION IS PUSHING COLLEGE OF REACH

January 30, 2009

Around the country, colleges and universities are struggling to keep students in school due to the recession. [Read here](#) to find out what some schools are doing to help.

Local News

U BRIEFS LEGISLATORS ON DIVERSITY, ACCESSIBILITY

January 29, 2009, Minnesota Daily

Amid continued budget battles at the state Capitol, higher education officials testified Thursday before the Senate Higher Education Budget and Policy Division about steps the University is taking to increase diversity and accessibility on campus. [Read the article here.](#)

Tools and Resources

STAFF SUPPORT FOR COLLEGE ACCESS EFFORTS/ PROMISE FELLOWS

The Fellows will develop, plan, organize, and implement programs to support students, mobilize adult volunteers, and strengthen partnerships through national service. Host Sites develop strategies and secure resources to accomplish these goals based upon the needs and assets of the host community. To apply to become a Host Site with the Alliance, organizations are asked to complete the application outlined in the Request



for Proposal (RFP). The RFP can also be found at www.mnyouth.net.

MN 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). To find a date and site near you, [click here](#).

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