

Minnesota College Access Network

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



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.

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FATHER PETER NJOKU EDUCATION CONFERENCE

Building Bridges for the Future, Educational Success Through Mentorship

This annual conference, addressing the educational needs of Students of Color and Immigrant Students, will be held at the University of St. Thomas on Saturday, June 20, 2009 from 12-5PM. The event will be held in the O'Shaugnessy Education Center Auditorium. Entrance is FREE. The conference will include an information fair, as well as workshops on Admissions and Financial Aid for both students and parents. For forms or additional information please call Dr. Obi 651.665.9795 or Mr. Oji 651.353.6908.

CHALLENGE GRANT OUTREACH SESSIONS

This past spring MCAN has delivered financial aid workshops to **470 students and parents** across the state of Minnesota. These sessions were delivered with funds from the Minnesota Office of Higher Education and the College Access Challenge Grant and in partnership with MCAN member sites. If you are interested in learning more or developing a workshop for your organization, please [contact Amanda](#).

MCAN ANNUAL BREAKFAST

MCAN will hold its annual breakfast on Tuesday, May 12th, 2009 from 7:30AM to 9:00AM. This year's networking event to facilitate a Critical Community Conversation about college access in the current economy. Programs, Funders and Stakeholders will share highlights of their work in the past year, explore collaboration opportunities and learn from each other about the current state of college access in Minnesota.

[Please RSVP here](#) or with Amanda directly at 651-645-7400 ext. 204.

RSVPs will be accepted until May 6th at 5pm.

NEWS AND LINKS

National News

The Economic Impact of the Achievement Gap in America's Schools

McKinsey's report, [The Economic Impact of the Achievement Gap in America's Schools](#), examines the dimensions and economic impact of the education achievement gap.

Local News


Students Congregate at Capitol to Push for Better Education Access

During the fifth annual [Student Day at the Capitol](#), students of color championed better education access.

TOOLS

Power to the Eight

Power to the Eight is a play written to encourage high academic achievement and college readiness. The play, along with follow up workshops, identifies skills and attitudes that students can cultivate in middle school to help them create a better future for themselves through their choices. To see a clip of the performance, [click here](#).



MCAN is currently seeking school and community sites to host performances of this play. If you are interested in learning more or having a performance at your site, please call [Amanda](#) 651-645-7400 x204.

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