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MCAN HOSTS ALEJANDRA RINCÓN, PH. D.

MCAN, with La Escuelita and Maureen Cisneros, hosted author Alejandra Rincón, Ph.D. on July 24, 2008. The event was attended by community members, students, legislators and college access professionals. Dr. Rincón spoke about the passage of the in state tuition bill in Texas, which is the topic of her book: **Undocumented Immigrants and Higher Education: ¡Sí se puede!** For more information about upcoming events please check the [events website](#).

FINANCIAL LITERACY FOCUS SERIES

As college costs continue to rise, accurate information about college financing options is crucial to college access. This fall MCAN will co-host, along with member organizations, a series dedicated to financial options for specific populations. This October series will focus on Student Parents, Foster Children, American Indian Students, African American Male Students and Undocumented Students. To join us for one or all of the sessions, please click [here](#) or [email Amanda](#) for more information.

NEW MEMBERS

David E. Thornton, Concordia College, Moorhead.

Jillian Hiscock, College of St. Benedict and St. John's University.

NEWS AND LINKS

National News

The price of an education is likely to be debt

Community colleges pride themselves on being the best bargains in higher education, yet affordability remains a barrier for many low- and moderate-income students. To learn more about community colleges and loans, please see this [USA Today article](#).

NASFAA Summary Of New GI Bill

On June 20, 2008, the President signed into law the Supplemental Appropriations Act (P.L. 110-252) to pay for the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan. The bill also incorporates the Post-9/11 Veterans Educational Assistance Act of 2008, which contains a host of new benefits for GIs who have served in the military since the 9/11 terrorist acts. For more details, click [here](#).

Local News

University uses Facebook to recruit

When Ludmi Herath launched her efforts to recruit students to Minnesota State University using a Facebook site, it became clear immediately that it would work well as a recruiting tool. For this article on how colleges, including Mankato, are using social networking sites, [click here](#).

Websites



Think Federal Aid First

This brochure explains the differences between federal and private education loans, the various kinds of federal loans offered and the dollar amounts available. Included are details on the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)—your starting point for obtaining financial assistance for college. [Think Federal Aid First!](#)

SAT BRONX: DO You Know What Bronx Kids Know?

What do inner-city teenagers know that the rest of us may not? What can they do that others might find daunting? What can we all learn, from thinking through the issues that confront urban youth? *SAT Bronx* aims to find out, by framing the words and experiences of fourteen Bronx high school students in the form of standardized test passages. To answer its multiple-choice questions (co-constructed with two of the students' teachers and with Kathleen Cushman of What Kids Can Do), one must analyze complex matters of culture, language, behavior, even governmental policy. Taking [SAT Bronx](#) opens important conversations about multiculturalism equity, and the assumptions that underlie our thinking about urban youth.

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