

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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FINANCIAL FOCUS SERIES: THANK YOU!

This series successfully reached almost 70 college access professionals and counselors in Minnesota with information about specific resources for sub-populations. The demand for some sessions was so great that we had a waiting list and will be repeating the sessions in the upcoming months.

Thank you to all of our presenters: Carissa Morris, Edna Pointer, Jill Singer, Jill Von Holtum, Chilah Brown, Lara Gerhardson, Mike Walker, Arnise Roberson, Edgar Alfonso, Juventino Meza and Mariano Espinosa. Thank you to MCAN member, Michele Kidwell, and Augsburg College for providing space for the series.

Please continue to check our events page to find out about [upcoming events and trainings!](#)

WELCOME NEW MCAN MEMBERS

Angelica Torralba-Olague, Augsburg Fairview Academy
Angel Toro, ISD 196
Alix Ibarra, ISD 196
Deborah Lewis, Minneapolis Public Schools, Office of Family Engagement
Miriam Luebke, Concordia University
Clarine Packineau, ISD 196
Marcio Thompson, UMN
Edna Pointer, Dream Tracks/ Way to Grow
Jill Von Holtum, Minnesota Department of Human Services
Chilah Brown, Ginew Golden Eagles
Lara Gerhardson, MN Indian Scholarship
Edgar Alfonso, Latino Scholarship Fund
Mariano Espinosa, MN Freedom Network
Juventino Meza, Navigate Project

MCAN BOOTH AT MMEP CONFERENCE

MCAN will have a table at the MMEP State of Students of Color and American Indian Students Conference, November 6th. Staff will be available with materials to assist new members and share MCAN's work and vision with attendees. Please stop by the table and say hello!

NEWS AND LINKS

National News

College savings not immune to market swings: Some strategies for managing 529 plans

As the volatile market chips away at 529 portfolios, some families are learning age-based plans vary in asset mix, with some more heavily invested in stocks than others. [Read the article here.](#)



Local News

Great Lakes Announces New College Access Champion Award

Dedicated educators in the state of Minnesota have the opportunity to have their student loan debt reduced thanks to the College Access Champion Award from Great Lakes Higher Education Guaranty Corporation. Our 2008–09 award recognizes Minnesota educators who help students in low-income schools achieve their dreams of going to college.

Each award recipient will receive up to \$5,000 toward their federal student loan debt. The award recognizes that many educators borrowed student loans to fund their own college education, and rewards them for putting another generation of students on the path to college. Additional information is available at www.mygreatlakes.org/mncollegeaccesschampion.

Tools and Resources for College Access

Financial Focus Series Documents

Did you miss a session of the series? Need extra copies to share with colleagues? Materials from all of the sessions are available for download and/or printing on our website. Use the password: network220 to log in and access materials and discussion boards for each session. [Member Login](#).

Avoid Scholarship Scams

Scholarship scam materials are now available for students and families who are searching for scholarships and FAFSA completion assistance. In order to inform students, families, financial aid and admission counselors, guidance counselors, and college access providers that these services can be accessed free of charge. Materials are available in several formats and also in English and Spanish. They can be customized to your school or program by simply adding your logo or program/school name. Please contact marcia.weston@ymca.net and you will be provided with a link in order to download the formats you wish to use

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