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**Registration opens for FCAN’s Talent Strong Florida Summit: May 6-8, 2026**

*~ Annual convening brings together education and workforce leaders to strengthen Florida’s talent pool. ~*

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TAMPA, FLA. — Registration opens today for Florida College Access Network's (FCAN) annual [Talent Strong Florida Summit](#) taking place May 6-8, at the Grand Hyatt Tampa Bay.

Building on the momentum of previous themes “Access for All” and “Higher Education, Higher Rewards,” this year’s summit focuses on strengthening and aligning education-to-career regional ecosystems to better support students towards high-value pathways. The goal is to elevate the role of multiple student pathways for increasing postsecondary education rates, which are vital for addressing workforce demands and supporting Florida’s economic growth.

“Florida’s regional economies are growing fast — and that growth demands a more intentional, aligned approach to education and workforce development,” said Braulio Colón, FCAN’s executive director. “We’re convening leaders and practitioners from across the state to ensure every student has access to the opportunities that lead to economic mobility and a brighter future for themselves and for Florida.”

The summit will spotlight actionable strategies, data-driven insights, and collaborative innovations that expand college access, boost completion, and help more Floridians thrive in today’s economy. Attendees will have the opportunity to explore the fiscal, social, and personal returns of investing in education beyond high school, which is a key driver of prosperity across the state.

Currently, 55.2% of Florida residents aged 25–64 hold a postsecondary degree or credential<sup>1</sup>. However, most jobs in Florida will require a degree or high-value credential by the year 2031<sup>2</sup>.

“Florida has made real progress over the last decade, but there are many opportunities to strategically align education systems and workforce needs,” added Colón. “Now is the time to find alignment and to build a Talent Strong Florida.”

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<sup>1</sup> Lumina Foundation, (n.d.). *Stronger nation*. <https://www.luminafoundation.org/stronger-nation/report/#/progress/state/FL>

<sup>2</sup> Georgetown University, (2023). *After everything: Projections of jobs, education, and training requirements through 2031*. <https://cew.georgetown.edu/wp-content/uploads/Projections2031-National-Report.pdf>



**Summit highlights include:**

- 30 sessions connected to FCAN's [Seven Conditions that Create a Resilient Workforce and Spark Economic Mobility](#)
- Data and Policy-focused discussions
- Networking opportunities with over 400 peer professionals from education, business, philanthropy and community organizations.
- Inspiring entertainment, art, and performances led by local students

Early Registration fee is \$369 through March 31<sup>st</sup>. Regular registration is \$419 thereafter.

A special hotel room rate of \$259 per night is available for registrants at Grand Hyatt Tampa Bay in Tampa.

Sponsorship and exhibitor opportunities are also available.

Visit [www.fcansummit.org](http://www.fcansummit.org) for more information and to view the agenda summary.

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**About Florida College Access Network**

Florida College Access Network (FCAN) leads the statewide collaborative movement to strengthen Florida by ensuring every Floridian attains education beyond high school towards a rewarding career. We envision a thriving Florida working together where education is the pathway to economic mobility and a prosperous economy for all.

FCAN strives to expand knowledge of research, data, policies, and practices that impact postsecondary access and attainment in Florida. For more information, visit [www.floridacollegeaccess.org](http://www.floridacollegeaccess.org).