

Osceola Prosper...and Beyond: Inside the Rise of County-Funded Last Dollar Scholarships

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About FCAN



MISSION

We lead the collaborative movement to ensure every Floridian achieves an education beyond high school toward a rewarding career.

VISION

A thriving Florida working together where education is the pathway to economic mobility and a prosperous economy for all.

FCAN's 7 Conditions for Success

1

Opportunity for Everyone

To build a talent-strong economy, all Floridians need access to a postsecondary education and the supports to complete it.

2

Lifelong Learning

No degree or credential is “one and done;” Floridians need to prepare for career changes through continuous learning.

3

Clear Information and Guidance

Students of all ages and families need exposure and counseling early and often to make informed decisions about their futures.

4

Effective Use of Data

Transparent access to data on education and economic outcomes help achieve our goals.

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Affordable

Postsecondary education needs to be within everyone’s financial reach, regardless of household income or life circumstances.

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Community Collaboration

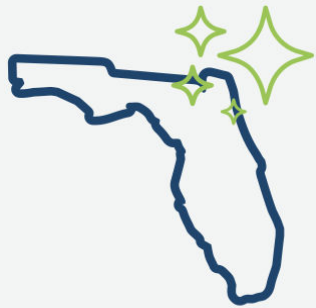
When community partners work together toward a shared vision, they remove barriers, build a robust workforce, and improve the quality of life for their regions.

7

Multiple Pathways to Success

Floridians benefit from multiple learning opportunities for academic achievement and career advancement.

FCAN's Major Roles



Convener

FCAN is uniquely positioned to unite multiple sectors in building a talent-strong economy by increasing college and career success across the state.



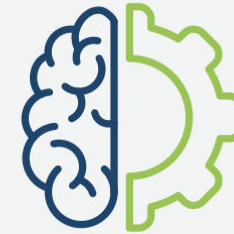
Capacity Builder

FCAN serves as a catalyst to strengthen stakeholders' capacity for coalition building, data gathering and analysis, implementing programmatic best practices, and championing change.



Thought Leader

FCAN is an influential expert on education issues, policies, and practices that inform college and career success in Florida. FCAN also inspires organizations and communities to challenge their own paradigms and create positive change.



Knowledge Developer

FCAN champions objective, data-informed research and policy analysis for accelerating student success.



Champion

FCAN encourages the adoption of student-centered policies so that all Floridians can achieve a postsecondary education.

Questions and Conversation

Submit your questions in the Q + A box.

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This webinar is being recorded; all materials will be available within 1 week.

Special Guests



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Commissioners*



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Future Ready Miami Dade



- Established in FY 23-24
 - Collaboration between Miami-Dade College and Miami-Dade County Commission
 - Serving Class of 2024 high school graduates: \$3 million, 3-year agreement
 - Over 1,000 students served; 215 associate degrees, 133 college credit certificates
- Holistic Student Supports
 - Emphasize belongingness to see students “to and through”
 - Wraparound services support academic, social, and career success
- “The murky middle”
 - Powerful message to fringe students that they belong in postsecondary education

Considerations for Last-Dollar Aid Programs

- Guidelines of Funding
 - Target Population
 - Goal(s) of Program
 - Measurement and Evaluation
- Communication of Last-Dollar Aid
- Institutional Capacity
 - *Are all levels of institution equipped for increased enrollment?*
- Investment Stability

Q & A

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Join FCAN's Next Webinar



Wednesday, November 18, 3:30-4:30 p.m.

College & Career Centers: What's Working in Florida's High Schools

A growing number of Florida school districts have embedded college and career centers directly into their high schools, staffed and sustained year over year. FCAN's new case study looks inside the College & Career Center model.

This webinar will dive into how districts built and funded these centers, and what the data show for financial aid completion and postsecondary planning.

Register via the link in chat!

Thank you!