Making working groups work

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Today’s content

1. How to structure your working group and set obtainable goals

2. Elements of a successful meeting

3. Tips for utilizing communications to keep your groups motivated
Who are we?

Northeast Florida's local college access network

38.5% regional attainment rate across 6 counties

Target Populations

- Transitioning high school students
- Comebackers a.k.a. adult learners
- Veterans
Mission
To help Northeast Floridians achieve prosperity through the completion of college degrees and industry certifications.

Vision
For 60% of the Northeast Florida workforce to hold a college degree or industry certification by 2025.
How do we achieve 60%?

- Engaging key stakeholders
- Creating a college-going culture
- Aligning Efforts
- Measuring Success
Collaborative structure

Leadership Council

Steering Committee

Working Groups
Working groups are...

Intentionally diverse

Clear in purpose

Responsible for inputs and action
Earn Up working groups

Northeast Florida Career Academies Council
Enhancing career pathways for high school students; increasing college credit awarded in high school

Military Veterans College Network
Decreasing barriers that prevent veterans from attaining their degree or certification

Employer Group (working name; formal TBD)
Increasing attainment/certificates of working adults
Structure and goals
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Create to solve a problem
Structure and goals

Envision the future
Structure and goals

Let data be your guide
Structure and goals

Set SMART goals
Structure and goals

Monitor your progress
Structure and goals

Proclaim your successes
Examine your failures
Elements of a successful meeting
Elements of a successful meeting

Get the right people in the room

Know why you’re meeting

Provide an agenda beforehand
Elements of a successful meeting

1. Learn something new
2. Reach decision(s)
3. Share good news
Elements of a successful meeting

Inject some fun
Elements of a successful meeting
Elements of a successful meeting
Elements of a successful meeting

LET’S MEET!
Using communications to keep groups engaged
Using communications...

Sharing is caring
Using communications...

FSCJ Promise Provides Pathway to College

Earlier this month, Florida State College at Jacksonville announced its FSCJ Promise program, which commits to paying "last dollar" costs for low-income, full-time students. FSCJ Promise is the first program of its kind in the state and, starting this fall, will fully fund the first two years at FSCJ (tuition, fees and books) for eligible local students. The program plans to provide support for students through the creation of a college-going culture while increasing student persistence and degree completion for first-time-in-college students. Learn more.

Collaborative Spotlight

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VP of Student Affairs & Enrollment Management, Edward Waters College

Hometown: High Point, NC (the furniture capital of the world)

Alma Mater: Barber-Scotia College (undergraduate), The Ohio State University (graduate), Capella University (doctorate)

Why Earn Up? Earn Up was a natural fit for me because I see firsthand how improving the number of graduates in a certain atmosphere—whether it's in a family, in a city, or in a state—improves that atmosphere.

Last book read: Game of Thrones, by George R. R. Martin

Thousands of Degrees Added On The First Coast

9,540 NEW DEGREES

0.8% INCREASE IN ATTAINMENT  
37.7% → 38.5%

We are excited to announce that over nine thousand new degrees were added to the First Coast in 2016! We still have work to do, but this is certainly a step in the right direction. Thank you to all of our partners that make college accessible and obtainable to everyone in our six counties.
Using communications...

**Financial Aid 101: Applications**

understand the financial aid process to complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) as well as the Florida Financial Application.

**Financial Aid Workshops**
6:00PM - 8:00PM

**JANUARY**

**Tues:** 01/29/19 Flagler Palm Coast High School

**Thurs:** 01/31/19 Central Volusia High School

**FRI:** 02/01/19 Deltona High School

**FEBRUARY**

**Tues:** 02/05/19 Oak Hill High School

**Thurs:** 02/07/19 Volusia County Technical College

**MARCH**

**Tues:** 03/12/19 Palm Coast High School

**WED:** 03/13/19 Palm Coast Technical College

**APRIL**

**Tues:** 04/02/19 Deltona High School

**Wed:** 04/03/19 Flagler Palm Coast Technical College

**SUMMER SPOTLIGHT SERIES: ST. JOHNS RIVER STATE COLLEGE**

On-Site Drop-in Workshops:

**May 6** - St. Johns River State College

**May 9** - St. Johns River State College

**May 10** - St. Johns River State College

**May 13** - St. Johns River State College

**May 14** - St. Johns River State College

**May 21** - St. Johns River State College

**May 22** - St. Johns River State College

**May 27** - St. Johns River State College

**Summer Workshops:**

**June 18** - St. Johns River State College

**June 20** - St. Johns River State College

**June 21** - St. Johns River State College

**June 25** - St. Johns River State College

**June 26** - St. Johns River State College

**July 2** - St. Johns River State College

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**EARN UP**
Using communications...

What’s important to your group members?
Using communications...

Make the right contacts
Using communications...

Have a central digital gathering space
Using communications...

Pick up the phone
Stay EARN UPdated