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Central Florida College Access Network Awarded \$10,000 Planning Grant

~ Grant designed to facilitate the process for developing community-based college access programs ~

Tampa, FL- Today the [Florida College Access Network](#) awarded a \$10,000 college access planning grant to members of the local college access network—Central Florida C.A.N.! The one-time grant of up to \$10,000 will cover costs associated with determining a specific community's college access needs and designing an implementation plan for launching effective and sustainable college access and success programs through network and collective strategies. The Central Florida Urban League will serve as the fiscal agent for the planning grant. Organizations serving the communities in Central Florida [recently came together](#) in June to form a local college access network with a mission to expand college access programming to parents and students in communities of Central Florida by leveraging existing network resources, talents, and expertise. Members of the network include the [City of Orlando](#), [University of Central Florida](#), [Foundation for Orange County Public Schools](#), [Valencia College](#), [Hispanic Young Professionals and Entrepreneurs of Orlando](#), [Hispanic Heritage Scholarship Fund of Metro Orlando](#), Legacy 105, [FAMU College of Law](#), [Professional Opportunities Program for Students \(POPS\)](#), and the [Central Florida Urban League](#). All local network members are part of a statewide effort to help meet future workforce demand by increasing the proportion of Florida residents who hold a postsecondary degree or credential to [60%](#) by 2025.

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About Florida College Access Network

Florida College Access Network engages communities for higher education promoting college-readiness, access, and success for all students, particularly limited-income, first generation, and underrepresented students through research, communication, advocacy, and community support. Our Big Goal is to increase the proportion of working adults in Florida who hold a quality postsecondary degree or credential to 60% by 2025. For more information, visit www.floridacollegeaccess.org