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Central Florida College Access Network Formed To Boost College Success

~Mission is to develop college access programming & policies to boost college-going & completion rates~

Orlando, FL- Education leaders and organizations came together this week in Orlando to establish the Central Florida College Access Network, a local college access network with a mission to increase student access to high-quality community-based college preparation programs and to promote state and local policies that prepare & support students for success in college. Organizations represented in the local college access network include the [City of Orlando](#), [Foundation for Orange County Public Schools](#), [University of Central Florida](#), [Valencia College](#), [Hispanic Heritage Scholarship Fund of Metro Orlando](#), [FAMU College of Law](#), Legacy 105, [Professional Opportunities Program for Students \(POPS\)](#), and the [Central Florida Urban League](#). Allie L. Braswell, President & CEO of the Central Florida Urban League, was appointed and confirmed as chairman of the local network and will serve as the lead convener. The [Florida College Access Network](#) (formerly [ENLACE Florida](#)), is facilitating the local effort. Local college access networks are an integral part of the Florida CAN effort to support the creation, expansion, and sustainability of high-quality, community-based college preparation and access programs that are proven to support student success in higher education. The local networks also provide a platform for communities to build consensus and for members to weigh-in on key education policy debates at the local, state, and federal level. Through knowledge and resource sharing, funding opportunities, professional development opportunities, technical assistance, and marketing support—network partners will gain access to key capacity-building services that will lead to greater collaboration, effectiveness, and efficiency as they strive to meet their individual organizational goals of boosting student success in Florida.

The Florida College Access Network engages communities for higher education and promotes college-readiness, access, and success for limited-income, first generation, and underrepresented students through research, communication, advocacy, and community support with the [Big Goal](#) of

increasing the proportion of working adults in Florida who have a postsecondary degree or credential to 60% by 2025. For more information, visit www.floridacollegeaccess.org

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