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Panelists to Discuss Strategies that Work

~The Florida College Access & Success Summit will feature a panel discussion offering replicable, successful strategies for Florida institutions and organizations~

Tampa, FL—Attendees of the [Florida College Access & Success Summit](#) will gain in-depth insight into the successful strategies implemented by various college readiness, access and completion organizations across the nation.

Building a college-going and success culture in Florida requires integrating tools and proven practices within our K-12 and college classrooms while reaching students and families in their communities with high-quality resources and information that help prepare them academically, socially and financially for postsecondary success. The summit's "*College Access & Success Strategies*" panel discussion, sponsored by [New Futuro](#), brings together a select group of leaders representing high-quality college access and success programs from across the country to highlight successful strategies and lessons learned along the way.

Featured panelists include Bob Giannino-Racine, CEO of [ACCESS](#), Judy Reno, Director of [College Depot](#), Leroy Nesbitt, Program Director of [College for Every Student](#), Thomas Albano, Executive Director of [Take Stock in Children](#), Nadine Dalrymple, Director of [POSSE Foundation, Inc. Miami](#), and Vivien Carter, Executive Director of [College Summit Florida](#). Dr. Stacy Carlson, Vice President and Program Director for [Helios Education Foundation](#) will moderate the panel discussion.

"There's great work taking place in Florida and across the country around preparing students for postsecondary success," said Braulio Colón, Executive Director for [Florida College Access Network](#) (Florida C.A.N.!) "The goal here is to capture replicable

strategies that work and to promote them to local leaders from across our state,” said Colón.

The Florida College Access & Success Summit convenes leaders from all sectors for a call-to-action around an agenda to significantly increase Florida’s college degree attainment rate from 37% to 60% by the year 2025.

The summit is organized by Florida C.A.N.! and will take place on **Friday, May 11th from 9am-2pm** at the **University of South Florida’s Marshall Student Center** in **Tampa**. All organizations, businesses, and individuals interested in helping Florida significantly increase its college degree attainment rate are invited to participate.

The Florida College Access & Success summit’s detailed agenda, including the schedule, speakers and travel accommodations can be found [here](#). Florida C.A.N! receives support from the [Florida Department of Education](#), [Helios Education Foundation](#), [Lumina Foundation](#), and the [University of South Florida](#).

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About Florida College Access Network

Florida College Access Network’s mission is to create and strengthen a statewide network that catalyzes and supports communities to improve college & career preparation, access, and completion for all students. Our Big Goal is to increase the proportion of working-age adults in Florida who hold a high-quality postsecondary degree or credential to 60% by the year 2025. For more information, visit www.floridacollegeaccess.org