

# **Empowerment through Education: Seats at the Table Panel Discussion**

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# Welcome!



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# Questions & Conversation

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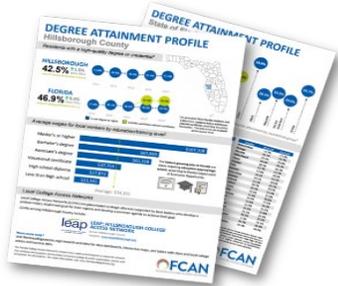
## **Our mission:**

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

## **Our vision:**

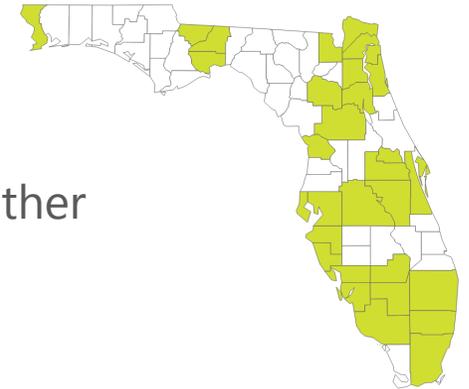
A Florida working together, where education is the pathway to economic mobility for all.

# FCAN's Work



**Research and Data** FCAN publishes research and data on evidence-based practices and policy opportunities to strengthen Florida's talent pool.

**Local college access networks (LCANs)** LCANs support 82% of the state's population. These organizations are made up of community leaders who come together to create solutions and partnerships to support local talent development.



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**Statewide Initiatives** FCAN coordinates 4 College Ready Florida initiatives that provides schools and community organizations resources to help students continue their education after high school.

## 7 Conditions for Success

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

**Clear information and guidance:** Students and families need exposure and counseling early and often to make informed decisions about their futures.

**Affordable:** Postsecondary education needs to be within everyone's financial reach, regardless of household income or life circumstances.

**Multiple pathways to success:** Floridians benefit from multiple learning opportunities for academic achievement and career advancement.

**Lifelong learning:** No degree or credential is "one and done;" Floridians need to prepare for career changes through continuous learning.

**Effective use of data:** Transparent access to data on education and economic outcomes, especially for Florida's diverse populations, helps achieve our goals.

**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.

# Introduction

# Access to Pell Grants reinstated for incarcerated students

## 26-year ban lifted through FAFSA Simplification Act

Having a college degree increases chances of:

- Securing well-paying jobs
- Accessing stable housing
- Providing for families



# Panelists

# Guest presenter



**Chris Farina**

Award-winning filmmaker

*Seats at the Table*  
documentary

# Guest presenter



**Neil Volz**  
Deputy Director

Florida Rights Restoration Coalition

# Guest presenter



**Dr. Kimberly Moore**

Vice President for Workforce Innovation  
Tallahassee Community College



*Inmates graduating from Tallahassee Community College's CDL program.*

# Guest presenter



**Samantha Carlo**

Associate Professor, Sr.  
Miami Dade College

# Questions?

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# Conclusion

