FCAN WEBINAR

April 2, 2024
3 - 4 p.m. ET

Florida’s 2024 Legislative Session Recap
Questions & Conversation

• Submit your questions in the box

• Share on social media
  X: @FLCollegeAccess
  #FCAN
  #TalentStrongFL

This webinar is being recorded; all materials will be available within a week of recording
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.

**Advocacy:** FCAN engages with stakeholders, policy makers and community-based organizations to find ways for improving every students’ postsecondary journey.

**Storytelling:** FCAN focuses on students and their communities to understand and share the impacts of Florida’s education policy.

**Local college access networks (LCANs):** FCAN provides financial supports and technical assistance to local coalitions made up of community leaders who come together to create solutions and partnerships to support local talent development.

**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.

**Convenings for Collaboration:** FCAN hosts and facilitates data-driven, solutions-oriented conversations with student success leaders at the community-based, institutional, and statewide levels.
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.

**Affordability:** 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.
Florida’s 2024 Legislative Session
Representative Lauren Melo (R – Naples)

SB 7032: Education
• Graduation Alternative to Traditional Education (GATE) Program.
• GATE Scholarship Program, GATE Startup Grant Program, & GATE Program Performance Fund
• This bill takes effect on July 1, 2024.

HB 1285: Education
• AA specialized transfer degrees, IB teacher bonuses, and more
• This bill takes effect on July 1, 2024.
Representative Jervonte Edmonds (D – West Palm Beach)

SB 62: Resident Status for Tuition Purposes

• An individual may not lose their resident status for tuition purposes solely due to being incarcerated in Florida.
• This bill takes effect on July 1, 2024.
Budget Highlights - $117.46B

• **State University System:** $4.96 billion
  • $645 million for state university performance-based funding incentives
  • $38.5 million for incentives for Programs of Strategic Emphasis
  • $100 million for preeminent state research universities (UF, USF, FSU, FIU)
  • No tuition increases

• **Florida College System:** $1.72 billion
  • $20 million for students earning industry certifications
  • $30 million for student success incentive funds
  • $59 million for nursing education initiatives
  • No tuition increases

• **Financial aid programs**
  • **EASE:** $134.8 million, includes new EASE Plus for students in select critical workforce programs
  • **Bright Futures:** $616.9 million
  • **FSAG:** $295.1 million
  • **Open Door Grant:** $35 million

• **Workforce education**
  • $20 million for the Pathways to Career Opportunities Grant Program
  • $2.5 million for CTE student success funds
  • $5 million for GATE Program (startup & incentive)
  • $100 million for the Workforce Capitalization Grant

• **Other notable items**
  • $31.4 million for HBCUs
  • Adds FCS employees to the state health insurance system
Additional Bills

SB 494: Graduate Program Admissions (Sen. Bryan Avila)
• State universities shall waive GRE/GMAT for servicemembers applying to a graduate program.
• Takes effect on July 1, 2024.

SB 7016: Health Care (Sen. Colleen Burton)
• Part of Live Healthy Act to address healthcare workforce shortages.
• Takes effect upon signing and was signed by Governor on March 21st.

HB 917: Career and Technical Education (Rep. John Snyder)
• Increased agency coordination for CTE and creation of a statewide asset map.
• Takes effect on July 1, 2024.

HB 5101: Education (Rep. Josie Tomkow)
• Policy provisions for education budget.
• Takes effect on July 1, 2024.
Mark your calendars for this impactful convening with passionate education stakeholders from multiple sectors to network, learn, and inspire one another to prepare today’s students for tomorrow’s career opportunities.

We’re working to improve “Access for All”
...and we can’t do it without you!
Thank you!