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Registration opens for FCAN's Talent Strong Florida Summit: May 5-7, 2025

~ Advancing Florida's future by aligning local talent with workforce needs through increased postsecondary education attainment. ~

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TAMPA, FLA. — Registration opens today for Florida College Access Network's (FCAN) annual [Talent Strong Florida Summit](#) taking place May 5-7, at the Hyatt Regency Grand Cypress Resort in Orlando.

This year's summit theme "Higher Education, Higher Rewards", underscores the critical role of postsecondary education in supporting Florida's economic growth and addressing workforce demands. The summit draws focus to the fiscal, societal, and individual benefits of higher education while highlighting the urgency of increasing college enrollment to meet Florida's growing needs.

"Recent reports spotlight sustained and robust economic growth across Florida's regions, emphasizing the demand for a highly skilled workforce," said Braulio Colón, FCAN's executive director. "Education beyond high school is essential for ensuring Florida residents reap the benefits of Florida's dynamic and growing economy. We remain committed to ensuring all students and residents have access to opportunities that prepare them to thrive and contribute to Florida's future prosperity."

Currently, 54.5% of Florida residents aged 25-64 hold a postsecondary degree or credential¹. However, most jobs in Florida will require a degree or high-value credential by the year 2031².

"Overall, Florida has made progress during the last decade, yet demographic trends, projections around enrollment, and the complexity of our regional economies suggest there's a need to be more intentional to ensure all students are prepared and supported," said Colón.

The Talent Strong Florida Summit will convene education leaders, policymakers, and community stakeholders from across Florida to discuss actionable strategies for improving

¹ Lumina Foundation, (n.d.). *Stronger nation*. <https://www.luminafoundation.org/stronger-nation/report/#!/progress/state/FL>

² Georgetown University, (2023). *After everything: Projections of jobs, education, and training requirements through 2031*. <https://cew.georgetown.edu/wp-content/uploads/Projections2031-National-Report.pdf>



college access and attainment and sharing the best practices for student success. FCAN is committed to building a Talent Strong Florida by fostering collaboration and leveraging data-driven strategies to expand access to postsecondary education.

Among summit highlights are:

- 30 sessions connected to FCAN's [Seven Conditions that Create a Resilient Workforce and Spark Economic Mobility](#)
- Data and Policy-focused discussions
- Opportunities to connect and share ideas with over 400 peer professionals working throughout Florida
- Inspiring entertainment, art, and performances led by local students

Early Registration fee is \$319 through March 31st. Regular registration is \$369 thereafter.

A special hotel room rate of \$257 per night is available for registrants at Hyatt Regency Grand Cypress Resort in Orlando.

Sponsorship and exhibitor opportunities are also available.

Visit www.fcansummit.org for more information and to view the full agenda.

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About Florida College Access Network

Florida College Access Network (FCAN) is Florida's collaborative network committed to ensuring all Floridians have the opportunity to achieve an education beyond high school and a rewarding career. We envision a Florida working together where education is the pathway to economic mobility for all.

FCAN strives to expand knowledge of research, data, policies, and practices that impact postsecondary access and attainment in Florida. For more information, visit www.floridacollegeaccess.org.

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