



TxCAN eNEWSLETTER

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In Other News

NCAN Announces Awards of Excellence at its 17th National Conference



The National College Access Network (NCAN) is pleased to announce the recipients of its sixth annual Awards of Excellence. The awards were presented at the NCAN Annual Conference's *Awards of Excellence* breakfast held September 19th, 2012 in Las Vega, NV.

Among the few recipients, was our very own Daniel Cruz. Daniel Cruz is the Director of Student and Parent Services for Education is Freedom (EIF). In this role, he is responsible

Financial Aid

UPDATE: THECB Presentation at Sept 25th TxCAN Convening

After the presentation on THECB's recommendation re: TEXAS Grants, there was some confusion as to how the amount of the TEXAS Grants would be determined and how it could be used.

To be clear, the amount of TEXAS Grants will be calibrated against academic charges (tuition, fees and books), rather than full cost of attendance (as program operates today). This does not mean that TEXAS Grants can only be used for academic charges. For example, if a student receives a private scholarship that is designated for tuition, fees, and books only, but the student still meets financial eligibility for TEXAS Grants, that student may still receive a grant (the amount still calibrated against academic charges) in addition to the private scholarship.

Our goal is to control the size of the grant to stretch the dollars further, not hamstringing how financial aid officers leverage other federal, institutional, or private financial aid. In fact, we hope these sources will be effectively leveraged accordingly. Again the goal is to provide more modest awards to many, than relatively large awards to a few, in an environment where state resources are unable to keep up with expanding need.

If any questions, do not hesitate to contact me directly at dominic.chavez@thecb.state.tx.us.

Federal Student Aid Information for Counselors

To kick off the new school year, here are some tidbits to share from the Federal Student Aid Information for Counselors. The easiest way to do this is to send you to our Federal Student Aid Information for

for maintaining communications and an effective working relationship with Dallas Independent School District, the 14th largest school district in the country. Additionally, Daniel serves as the organization's liaison with community organizations, manages the volunteer mentoring program, and directs staff of 21 EIF Advisors.

For more information on the Awards of Excellence, please visit [this link](#) .

If you are interested in adding content to the TxCAN eNewsletter, please submit your information to TxCANnewsletter@cftexas.org.

Counselors site at www.fsa4counselors.ed.gov.

Research & Data

NCAN Releases Common Set of Metrics for College Access and Success Programs

Based on research and the best practices of its 350-plus members, the National College Access Network (NCAN) has developed a recommended set of Common Measures for college access and success programs to guide and assess their work. All measures are associated with the two main outcomes that NCAN members help their students pursue: (1) postsecondary enrollment, and (2) completion of a postsecondary degree or credentials.

Using Postsecondary Data to Increase College Readiness, Access, and Success

On October 2nd, Educate Texas presented a webinar on Using Postsecondary Data to Increase College Readiness, Access, and Success to T-STEM and Early College High School campus leaders. This article may be of relevance to ISD's or campus leaders using National Student Clearinghouse data. To view the webinar playback, please visit this [link](#).

Upcoming Events

Texas A&M University-Commerce Mane Event Preview Day

Join us October 20, 2012 for our Mane Event Preview Day! As you know, choosing the right college is an important decision. Our preview day is a special day of programs for you and your family. We encourage you to [register online](#), so that we can prepare a special day for you and your guests!

Las Llaves del Exito ("The Keys to Success") College Fair is here!

Las Llaves del Exito is an event which promotes college readiness through informative workshops, a lecture series and a college fair. The program is open to all 8th through 12th grade students as well as their families. The purpose of the event is to promote college awareness in communities which are highly underrepresented in Texas colleges and universities. For more information, please visit dccc.edu/KeysToSuccess.

TEDxKids @SMU Host Applications are now open!

TEDxKids @SMU will select 90 high school juniors and seniors to serve as Hosts to groups of 5-10 middle school students during the TEDxKids conference. Each Host will complete peer leadership

training prior to TEDxKids. Hosts will greet students as they arrive at TEDxKids @SMU and help guide them through the conference and encourage full enagment during the breaks. Hosts sit with the students during the conference, and stay with their assigned small group during the break. Hosts will also be expected to participate in one service project in the spring.

TEA launches college and career planning website

The Texas College & Career resource site, www.texascollegeandcareer.org, provides information about college options, academic and financial preparation for college, higher education admissions and career research.

General Resources

CONGRESSIONAL HISPANIC CAUCUS INSTITUTE'S R2L Dallas - April 27

This year, the Congressional Hispanic Caucus Institute's READY2LEAD program for current high school freshmen and sophomores will be held at The University of Texas at Arlington's College Park on Saturday, April 27. This phenomenal opportunity will be open to students in the Dallas/Fort Worth area.

Are you a high school freshman or sophomore who is **Ready to Lead?**

R2L READY TO LEAD

Join us at CHCI's Ready to Lead (R2L) Dallas!

Saturday, April 27, 2013
8:00 a.m. — 3:30 p.m.

The University of Texas at Arlington
College Park Center
501 S. Pecan St.
Arlington, TX 76019

FREE! Breakfast, Lunch, and Transportation will be provided!

Attend CHCI's R2L Workshop and Learn How To:

- Become "College Ready" - Learn about how to prepare for an education after high school.
- Become a "Financial Aid Expert" - Learn about the money you can pay for college.
- Develop Leadership Skills - Gain skills to help you become a leader in your community.
- Network - Meet and interact with a variety of community leaders and professionals.

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Ready to Lead is presented by the Congressional Hispanic Caucus Institute in partnership with The University of Texas at Arlington & Capital One Bank University Crossroads. For more information about Ready to Lead, contact Evelyn Garcia Martinez at 202-548-8552 or visit www.r2l.org

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