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March-April: Regional Meetings will take place in Tampa, Santa Barbara, Minneapolis/St. Paul and Washington DC. Registration for the Regional Meetings is **free** for NCAN members, \$50 for non-members! More information, including how to register, can be found at www.collegeaccess.org/regional_meetings.aspx.

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College Board Launches BigFuture Website



The College Board recently launched a new resource, BigFuture, meant to help students make better decisions about college. BigFuture draws you in with its savvy

graphics and a heavy-hitting quote:

Your big future begins with you — it's your journey. Asking yourself questions can help you figure out who you are and where you want to go.

Making the decision on what college to attend is complex and overwhelming. With over 4,000 degree-granting colleges and universities in the United States, students rely on imperfect, irrational methods to make their selection

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NCAN Members honored by College Board's College Keys Awards

The goal of the CollegeKeys Compact is to see that students from low-income backgrounds are represented in and graduate from colleges and universities at the same rate as their more affluent peers. As a program of the CollegeKeys

Compact, the Innovation Awards celebrate some of America's most powerful efforts to improve the academic success of students from low-income backgrounds.

These award-winning organizations have instituted exemplary practices that can be replicated, adapted and expanded in other settings. They can be used by educators, institutional leaders and policymakers to promote policies and practices that have a far-reaching impact on low-income and minority students' aspirations for academic success.

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Resources To Help Scale Your Social Impact

Are you a nonprofit that is looking to increase the impact of your work? Has your organization developed a successful program or service and you want to reach more people? How do you know if your organization is ready to scale? These are common questions that nonprofits come upon as they begin to grow and mature; many have a desire to increase their impact, but may not know where to turn for quality information and resources to help them on their path.

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Practitioner Tip: New FAFSA Tool and FAFSA Pilot Expansion from the Department of Education It's the time of year to help students...

The Department of Education (ED) has recently taken two big steps to increasing access to information on completion of the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). This information is vital as completion of the FAFSA is an indicator of students' participation in postsecondary education.

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NCAN Members Present at Grad Nation Summit

The second annual Building a [Grad Nation Summit](#), which took place March 19-21 in Washington, D.C., brought more than 1,000 education stakeholders from 42 states together to discuss challenges and solutions to ending America's high school dropout crisis. Several NCAN members were featured in the summit agenda.



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NCAN to Have Strong Presence at 2012 NOSCA Conference

NCAN presented two projects at the upcoming National Office for School Counselor Advocacy (NOSCA) conference entitled Destination Equity 2012: Charting Bright Futures for All Students. This conference celebrates the crucial role school counselors play in college and career readiness and draws attendees from a variety of sectors including K-12, district and state-level leaders in school counseling, higher education personnel and college and career community-based organizations.

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