College Changes Everything

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Session 2D: Mike Dessimoz, Illinois CAN

Postsecondary Awareness for Middle School Students

At its annual conference last September, the National College Access Network - recognizing the significant gap in awareness of post-high school opportunities among pre-high school students and families - announced a country-wide initiative focused on identifying college awareness resources and activities aimed at middle school students and their families.

Appointed in every state were early awareness teams that took on the task of gathering current information and services. At the 2017 NCAN conference in mid-September, the progress of the teams from each state will be melded into a comprehensive report with concrete suggestions for future broadening and advancement of the challenge

Here in Illinois, the team members are Amy Jo Clemens, Senior Research Associate at the Northern Illinois University Center for P-20 engagement; Jacqueline Moreno, Managing Director for College Access Initiatives at Illinois Student Assistance Commission, and Mike Dessimoz, Board Chairman of the Illinois College Access Network.

We identified a variety of activities and commitments being made to this effort – by individual schools, school districts, colleges, community based organizations and governmental units throughout the state and outside of it. A sampling follows. Stay tuned for much more to come after the NCAN Conference - in particular strategies and action plans.

* ILLINOIS POSTSECONDARY AND CAREERS EXPECTATIONS (PaCE) FRAMEWORK

<http://www.advanceillinois.org/pwr/files/On_PaCE_to_Thrive.pdf>

* AND ILLINOIS P-20 COUNCIL

(<https://www.illinois.gov/gov/P20/Pages/default.aspx>)

Comprehensive statewide initiatives addressing all aspects of the educational spectrum from K through postsecondary – in service of the goal 60 by 2025: 60% of adults with a quality post-secondary credential

* NATIONAL COLLEGE ACCESS NETWORK**:** [**www.collegeaccess.org/earlyawarenessmiddle**](http://www.collegeaccess.org/earlyawarenessmiddle)

toolbox for advisors and access professionals serving grades 5 and up

Also at the NCAN site are links to a series of webinars focused on early awareness, esp. the importance of financial planning for college.

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Children’s Savings Accounts and Government Partnerships  
highlighting programs established through government partnerships, their mechanics, and how to partner with government agencies in your state or region. [**Review Recording**](https://u58245140.dl.dropboxusercontent.com/u/58245140/Webinars/2017-06-14%2015.03%20Children_s%20Savings%20Accounts%20and%20Government%20Partnerships.mp4) | [**View Slides 1**](http://www.collegeaccess.org/images/documents/College.pptx) | [**View Slides 2**](http://www.collegeaccess.org/images/documents/CSA.pdf)

June 7, 2017Early Awareness of College-Going for Middle Grade Students: WSAC and Get Schooled  
learn about running an outreach campaign targeted at middle grade students to help them establish college going expectations: [**Review Recordings**](https://www.dropbox.com/s/i24lf0e3ppy58jv/2017-06-07%2014.03%20Outreach%20Campaigns%20for%20Early%20Awareness%20of%20College%20Going.mp4?dl=0)| [**View Slides 1**](http://www.collegeaccess.org/images/documents/GetSchooled.pptx) | [**View Slides 2**](http://www.collegeaccess.org/images/documents/WSAC.pptx)

May 26, 2017

Non-profit Managed Children’s Savings Accounts  
programs providing Children’s Savings Accounts for families: [**Review Recording**](https://dl.dropboxusercontent.com/u/58245140/Webinars/2017-05-24%2015.03%20Non-Profit%20Managed%20Children_s%20Savings%20Accounts.mp4) | [**View Slides 1**](http://www.collegeaccess.org/images/documents/Inversant_NonprofitCSA.pptx) | [**View Slides 2**](http://www.collegeaccess.org/images/documents/KCScholars_NonprofitCSA.pptx)

* URBAN EDUCATION INSTITUTE, UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO**:** 6 to 16 Curriculum of the UEI “Success Project” serves 37 elementary and middle schools: [**https://uei.uchicago.edu/search/site/6to16**](https://uei.uchicago.edu/search/site/6to16)
* “NATL ASSN FOR COLLEGE ADM. COUNSELING: “Step by Step”

college awareness/planning curricula for grades 5-8: <https://www.nacacnet.org/advocacy--ethics/initiatives/steps/>:

* ECON ILLINOIS – NATIONAL COUNCIL FOR ECONOMIC EDUCATION

financial literacy for pre-high school students at <http://econillinois.org>

* ILLINOIS ED LEADERS OF THE ILLINOIS PRINCIPALS ASSN: <https://edleadersnetwork.org/subscribe/illinois/>
* ILLINOIS EDUCATION ASSOCIATION: resources for teaching financial literacy

<https://ieanea.org/>

* ILLINOIS REGIONAL OFFICES OF EDUCATION, STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

<https://www.isbe.net/Pages/Regional-Offices-of-Education.aspx>

information, guidance and resources for school districts throughout the state