

**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*



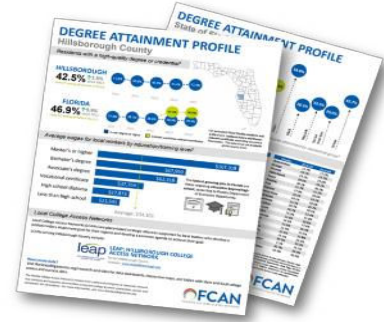
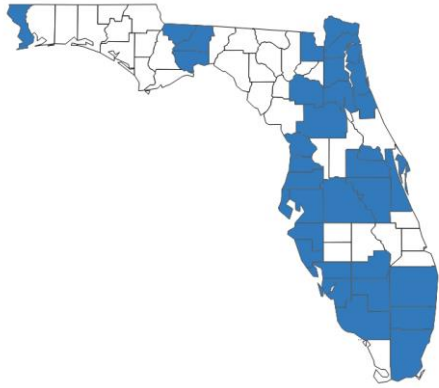
## **Our mission:**

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 21<sup>st</sup>.

## **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.

# Q&A



MAY 8-10, 2024 | HILTON ORLANDO

# TALENT STRONG FLORIDA SUMMIT

Hosted by **FLORIDA**  
COLLEGE ACCESS NETWORK

**REGISTRATION IS OPEN!**

Visit [FCANsummit.org](https://FCANsummit.org) to register

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!**