



MEMBER MONTHLY

Member Benefits & AzCAN Updates



See Arizona's hidden gems in Roadtrip Nation's "All Paths Arizona" docuseries

Lesson Plans Available for Educators

Join Roadtrippers Allisyn "Meeks," Jasmin and Ezequias as they travel across their home state in search of fulfilling and inspiring career paths by watching clips of the fun and finding times to view the docuseries on Arizona PBS [here](#).

In addition, we encourage you to visit the [Roadtrip Nation Experience: Arizona Edition](#), a five-lesson, projected-based career exploration course designed to work in any learning situation. It highlights the stories of Arizonans who followed their aspirations to create fulfilling careers in industries powering Arizona's growth.

To discuss ways to incorporate the Roadtrip Nation Experience into your programming please contact [Education Forward Arizona](#) or [Roadtrip Nation](#).

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Registration is open for most 2022 College Access Professional Development Trainings!

Our [CAP trainings](#) will help college access professionals develop an understanding of their role in developing a college-going mission for all students, particularly students in poverty or facing other barriers in postsecondary planning. Registration is now open for the modules below at no cost to you.

Building a College-Going Culture for All Students

April 4 - May 9

This course is designed to help school staff collect and analyze relevant data and transform their programs and services in order to improve the postsecondary success of their students.

[Register today.](#)

College, Career & Academic Planning

May 23 - June 7

This course focuses on engaging students in career awareness and development, linking careers to postsecondary planning, using data to address equity in postsecondary opportunities and finding the right postsecondary fit.

[Register today.](#)

College and Career Advising for Special Populations

April 25 - June 3

This course helps counselors develop the skills and knowledge required to help homeless and foster-care students, students with disabilities, immigrant and refugee students, and LGBTQ students with applying, financing and transitioning into education after high school.

[Register today.](#)

Financial Aid and College Applications

June 6 - July 15

This course includes four sessions that increase the counselor's knowledge of financial aid and college applications. The topics including assisting students with the college application process, preparing students for college admission tests, guiding students through the complexities of financial aid and helping students with the financial aid process.

[Register today.](#)

UPCOMING EVENTS

Arizona Spring Training: FAFSA & College Applications

On **Friday, April 8, 2022**, The Arizona Department of Education, Education Forward Arizona, Earn to Learn, Be A Leader Foundation, College Depot and the Arizona FAFSA Challenge are hosting a virtual college application and FAFSA training workshop for all counselors and educators!

The **FREE** training will provide high school counselors and college & career specialists with updates and resources that will assist with their on-campus FAFSA and college application workshops. In addition, a series of informative FAFSA and college-going breakout sessions will be offered to help prepare Arizona for the next school year.

Let's get ahead of the game and score a home run with our statewide college-going efforts!

[REGISTER TODAY](#)



The Rural College Access and Success Summit

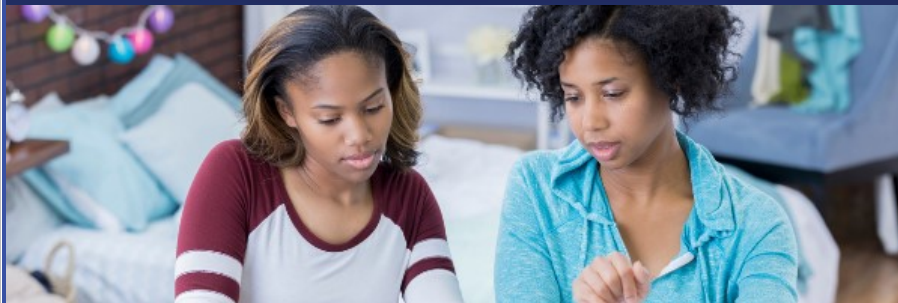
One of the few national convenings to focus on rural America, the Summit brings together teachers, principals, superintendents, higher education leaders, legislators and nonprofit leaders to share ideas and strategies for ensuring that rural youth have the opportunity to successfully transition from high school to college and career.

It will feature **keynote speakers** Geoff Canada, founder of the Harlem Children's Zone, and Jimmy Wayne, a former foster kid turned award-winning country recording artist.

This event will be held from **April 24 - 27, 2022**. [Register today!](#)



NCAN UPDATES



A Quick Guide to Financial Aid Award Letters

By: Bill DeBaun, National College Attainment Network

College admissions letters are rolling in to many students across the country and financial aid offers will be right behind them. These offers – often referred to as award letters – should spark conversations about college affordability between students, families and the professionals who help them along their postsecondary pathways. Here are a few critical things that students and families need to know about financial aid offers.

For all of the excitement they bring, financial aid offers have a reputation for being a

bit confusing. In 2018, the think tank New America and NCAN member uAspire [analyzed more than 500 financial aid award letters](#). Their research found that many of the letters used jargon, omitted the complete cost of attendance and left students without clear next steps.

But with the right information, analyzing and comparing financial aid offers from colleges and universities is a process students and families can feasibly tackle.

[KEEP READING.](#)

STUDENT OPPORTUNITIES

CKG Ambassador Highlight: Isaac Navarrete



Isaac Navarrete is a College Knowing & Going (CKG) student ambassador at Kofa High School in Yuma because he saw the challenges his high school community faced when it came to post-secondary options and wanted to emphasize the importance of having a plan after high school.

"I aspire to help my peers be excited for college, offering resources and creating a sense of trustworthiness. Being a student ambassador accelerates my ambition to support my communities; turning Arizona into a harbor for growth and prosperity for all," said Isaac.

[Read his full story here.](#)

JOB OPENINGS



If you want to be part of making significant changes that benefit all Arizona students, then Education Forward Arizona is the place to do it. A career here is one that gives back every day. It's a place where you can watch your passion for education and Arizona's future grow and make a real impact for all students. We are currently hiring the following positions:

- [Community Impact Manager, Northern Arizona](#)
- [CKG Project Coordinator, Southern Arizona](#)
- [Success Adviser](#)
- [Program Manager for Community Initiatives](#)

Now Seeking Schools and Members for AdviseAZ

AdviseAZ is currently looking for [members](#) and [sites](#) for the 2022-2023 school year.

There will be informational sessions in April for potential members and sites who would like to learn more about the program. Register for the Zoom meetings below:

Sites:

[April 7, 9-10 a.m.](#)

[April 7, 3-4 p.m.](#)

Members:

[April 14, 9-10 a.m.](#)

[April 14, 3-4 p.m.](#)



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