

Making working groups work

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Today's content

1. How to structure your working group and set obtainable goals
2. Elements of a successful meeting
3. Tips for utilizing communications to keep your groups motivated

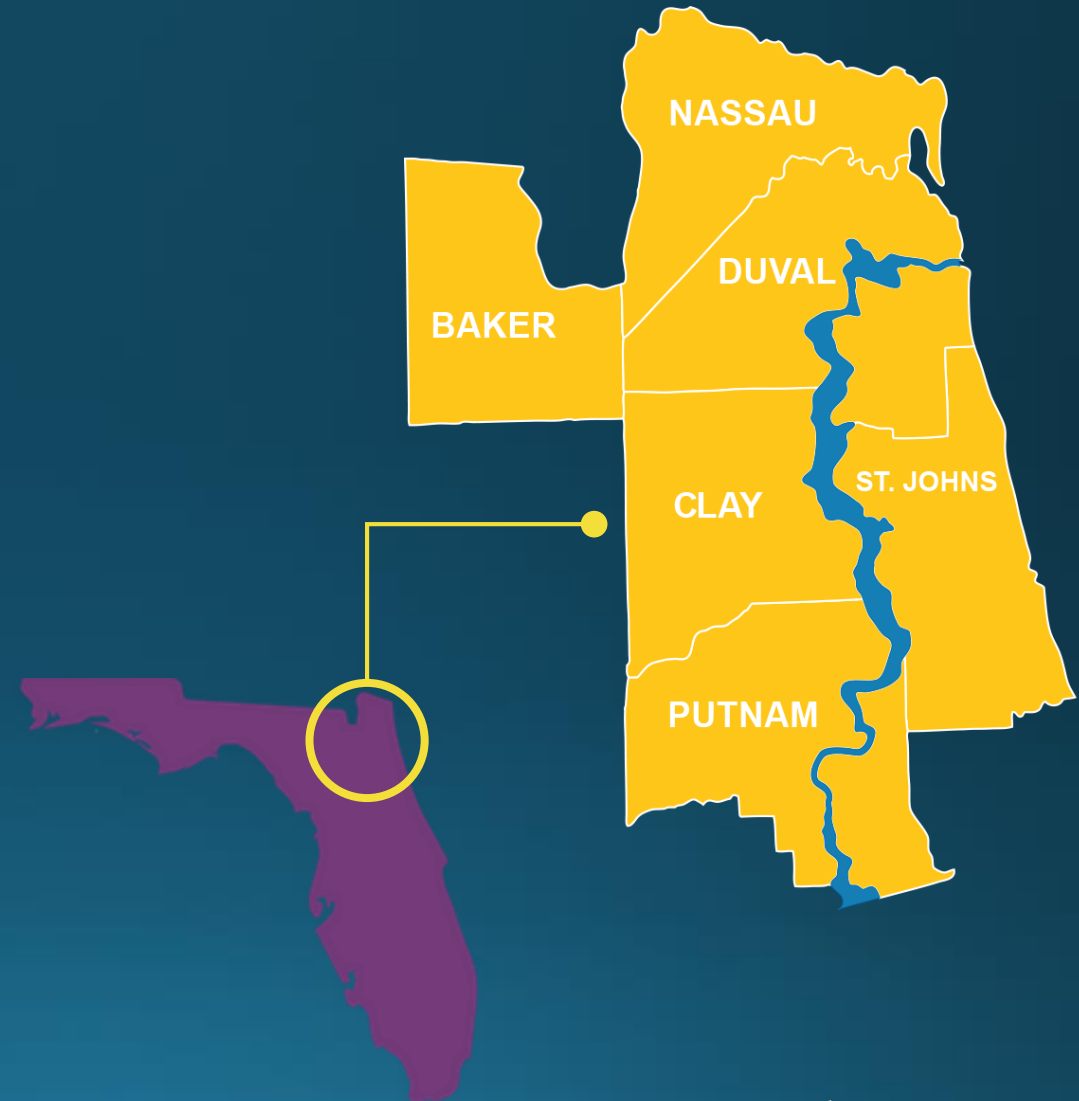
Who are we?

Northeast Florida's local college access network

38.5% regional attainment rate across 6 counties

Target Populations

Transitioning high school students
Comebackers a.k.a. adult learners
Veterans



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Mission

To help Northeast Floridians achieve prosperity through the completion of college degrees and industry certifications.

Vision

For 60% of the Northeast Florida workforce to hold a college degree or industry certification by 2025.

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How do we achieve 60%?

Engaging key stakeholders

Creating a college-going culture

Aligning Efforts

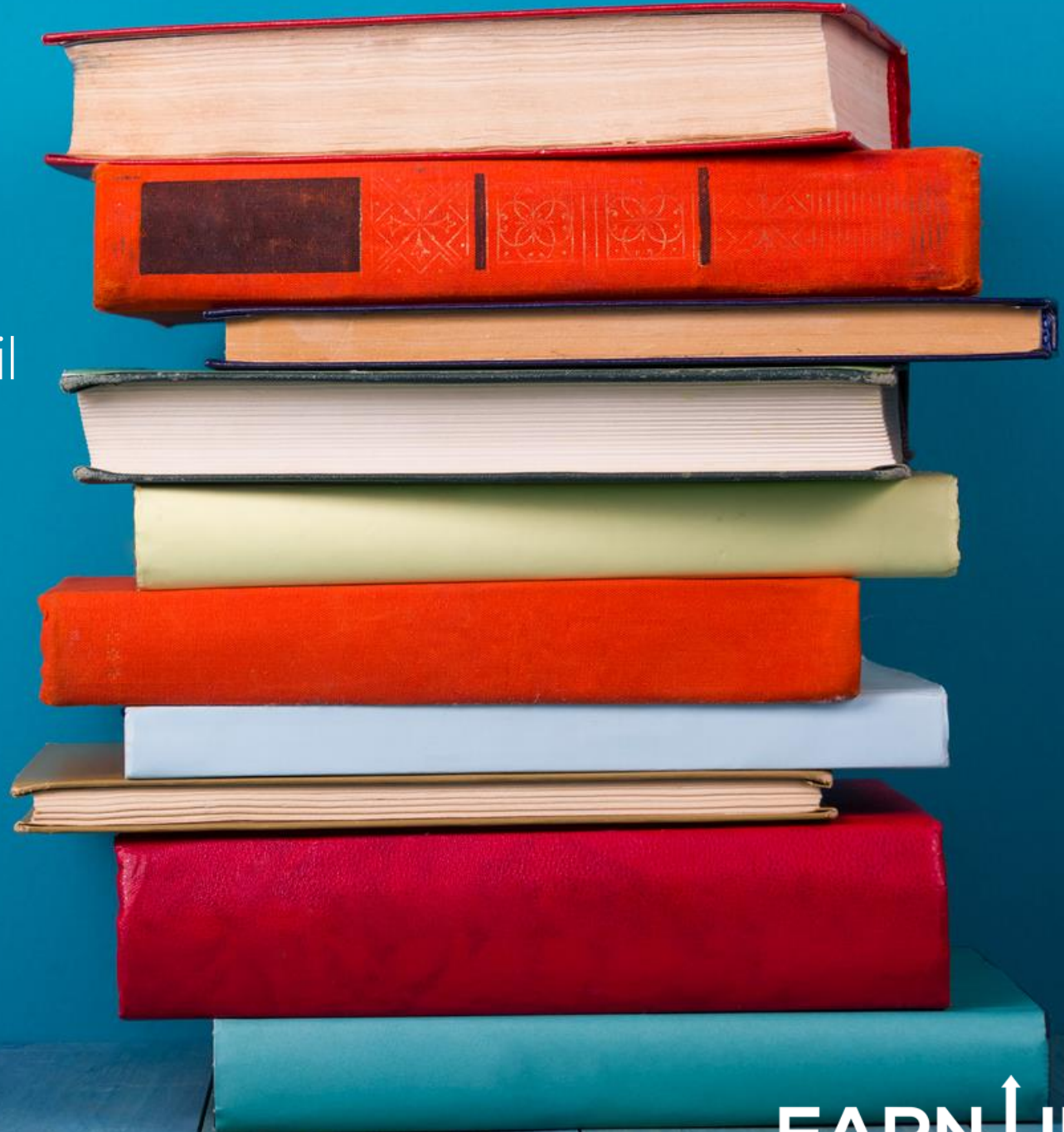
Measuring Success

Collaborative structure

Leadership Council

Steering Committee

Working Groups



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Working groups are...

Intentionally diverse

Clear in purpose

Responsible for inputs and action

Earn Up working groups

Northeast Florida Career Academies Council

Enhancing career pathways for high school students;
increasing college credit awarded in high school

Military Veterans College Network

Decreasing barriers that prevent veterans from
attaining their degree or certification

Employer Group (working name; formal TBD)

Increasing attainment/certificates of working adults

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A photograph of several students sitting at a wooden table, focused on their studies. They are surrounded by open books, papers, and pens. The scene is brightly lit, suggesting a classroom or library environment. A semi-transparent teal box is overlaid on the left side of the image, containing the text 'Structure and goals'.

Structure and goals

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Structure and goals

Create to solve a problem

Structure and goals

Envision the future

Structure and goals

Let data be your guide

Structure and goals

Set SMART goals

Structure and goals

Monitor your progress

Structure and goals

Proclaim your successes

Examine your failures

A photograph of a business meeting. A woman with long blonde hair, wearing a grey blazer, is smiling and looking towards a man. The man, who is Black, is also smiling and looking towards the camera. They are seated at a dark wooden table. On the table, there is a laptop, a glass of water, and a smartphone. The background shows a window with blinds. A semi-transparent teal box is overlaid on the left side of the image, containing the text 'Elements of a successful meeting'.

Elements of a successful meeting

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Elements of a successful meeting

Get the right people in the room

Know why you're meeting

Provide an agenda beforehand

Elements of a successful meeting

1. Learn something new
2. Reach decision(s)
3. Share good news

Elements of a successful meeting

Inject some fun

Elements of a successful meeting



Elements of a successful meeting



Elements of a successful meeting

LET'S MEET!

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Using communications to keep groups engaged

Using communications...

Sharing is caring

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Using communications...

FSCJ Promise Provides Pathway to College



Earlier this month, Florida State College at Jacksonville announced its **FSCJ Promise** program, which commits to paying "last dollar" costs for low-income, full-time students. FSCJ Promise is the first program of its kind in the state and, starting this fall, will fully fund the first two years at FSCJ (tuition, fees and books) for eligible local students. The program plans to provide support for students through the creation of a college-going culture while increasing student persistence and degree completion for first-time-in-college students. [Learn more.](#)

Collaborative Spotlight



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Hometown: High Point, NC
(the furniture capitol of the world)

Alma Mater: Barber-Scotia College (undergraduate), The Ohio State University (graduate), Capella University (doctorate)

Why Earn Up? Earn Up was a natural fit for me because I see firsthand how improving the number of graduates in a certain atmosphere-whether it's in a family, in a city, or in a state-improves that atmosphere.

Last book read: Game of Thrones, by George R. R. Martin

Thousands of Degrees Added On The First Coast



9,540
NEW DEGREES

0.8% INCREASE
IN ATTAINMENT
37.7% → 38.5%

We are excited to announce that **over nine thousand** new degrees were added to the First Coast in 2016! We still have work to do, but this is certainly a step in the right direction. Thank you to all of our partners that make college accessible and obtainable to everyone in our six counties.

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Using communications...



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Big Brothers Big Sisters of Northeast Florida is on a mission to enrich students' lives through their mentoring programs and the organization has been particularly enjoying the immense success of one of their newest programs: Beyond School Walls.

We recently got the chance to meet with Sara Alford, the Vice President of Programs at Big Brothers Big Sisters of Northeast Florida, to discuss the Beyond School Walls program.

Read the full interview over at the Earn Up blog (lin... See More



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Mentoring has long been a proven tactic for successfully getting students into a postsecondary education and beyond. Mentors provide guidance to students when they need it most and also help expose the students to life and job skills that they...

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Financial Aid 101: Applications

understand the financial aid process & complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) as well as the Florida Financial Application.



92%
OF STUDENTS FROM LOW-INCOME HOUSEHOLDS WILL RECEIVE GRANTS

85%
OF STUDENTS HAVE A CHANCE TO RECEIVE STUDENT FINANCIAL AID

Financial Aid Workshops

6:00PM - 8:00PM

JANUARY
Tues. 01/10/17 Eaglewood High School

FEBRUARY
Thurs. 02/07/17 Goodwill Industries (Lenox Ave.)
Wed. 02/15/17 Westside High School
Mon. 02/27/17 Skilon Metropolitan Baptist Church

MARCH
Tues. 03/14/17 Jean Ribault High School
Thurs. 03/30/17 Jacksonville Urban League

APRIL
Mon. 04/10/17 Sandalwood High School
Wed. 04/26/17 St. Paul Missionary Baptist Church

MAY
Tues. 05/09/17 First Coast High School

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SUMMER SPOTLIGHT SERIES: ST. JOHNS RIVER STATE COLLEGE

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Welcome to week seven of the Summer Spotlight Series! This week, our college partner in the spotlight is St. Johns River State College.



St. Johns River State College (SJR State) was established in 1959 as St. Johns River Junior College. The College was granted approval to offer its first baccalaureate degrees in 2010, moving the College from a Level I to a Level II accredited institution.

Shortly after, Florida Statutes authorized colleges accredited to award four-year degrees to change their names to better reflect their progression, and the institution's name was changed to St. Johns River State College. SJR State currently has three campuses in Orange Park, Palatka, and St. Augustine, and offers Associate in Arts (transfer) degrees and as well as more than 50 Associate in Science degrees and certificates.

Earlier this week, we had the opportunity to speak with Dr. Anna Lebesch, the Vice President for Workforce Development and Executive Director of SJR State's Orange Park Campus.

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Using communications...

What's important to your group members?

Using communications...

Make the right contacts

Using communications...

Have a central digital gathering space

Using communications...

Pick up the phone

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Q&A

