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FCAN releases 2018-19 Florida FAFSA Challenge dashboard

Interactive dashboard tracks schools' and districts' progress on the proportion of seniors completing the financial aid form

Florida College Access Network (FCAN) is pleased to announce the release of this year's Florida FAFSA Challenge dashboard, which provides school, district, and state-level data on high school seniors who have completed FAFSA to date during the 2018-19 school year.

The Florida FAFSA Challenge, a statewide campaign to increase the proportion of 12th graders who complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA), runs through March.

Florida's 61.5% FAFSA completion rate for the 2017-18 school year represented a 0.5 percentage point increase, the 12th highest change in FAFSA completion nationwide compared to the 2016-17 school year. During that same time span, the overall FAFSA completion rate in the U.S. decreased by 0.2 percentage points.

The Florida FAFSA Challenge recognizes the highest-performing schools and districts in the following categories:

- **MVP** (Highest FAFSA completion rate through March)
- **Most Improved** (FAFSA completion rate improved the most compared to last year through March)

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FCAN will also again recognize “FAFSA Champions” — all schools and districts that increase their FAFSA completion rate by at least 5% compared to last school year.

New this year, FCAN will honor “FAFSA Innovators,” the schools and community organizations that demonstrate innovative approaches in helping more students complete a FAFSA.

FCAN will post Florida FAFSA Challenge updates regularly at www.floridacollegeaccess.org. You can also [register for the Florida FAFSA Challenge](#) and FCAN’s other [College Ready Florida initiatives](#).

About Florida College Access Network

Florida College Access Network (FCAN) is Florida’s first collaborative network committed to ensuring all Floridians have the opportunity to achieve an education beyond high school and prosper in Florida’s dynamic economy. Our mission is to create and sustain a statewide network that catalyzes and supports communities to increase college and career preparation, access, and completion for all Florida students. For more information, visit floridacollegeaccess.org.

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