



MEDIA ALERT
FLORIDA COLLEGE ACCESS NETWORK
4202 E. Fowler Avenue, SOC 107
Tampa, FL 33620

Media Contact:

Braulio Colón
Florida College Access Network
(813)313-8903-cell, bcolon@usf.edu

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: Monday, June 13, 2011

Organizations Come Together In Little Haiti To Form Local College Access Network
~Mission is to expand college access programming to Haitian-Americans living in Miami-Dade County~

Miami, FL- Haitian students in Miami-Dade County will soon have more opportunities to participate in local community-led college preparation and completion programming designed to boost success rates in college. Seven organizations came together on Thursday to form Little Haiti C.A.N.!, a local college access network with a mission to increase Haitian student access to high-quality, innovative, and proven community-based programs that prepare students academically, socially, and financially for college and postsecondary career training. “Our demographics and our economy are changing quickly and it requires that more students receive an education beyond high school in order to compete,” said Braulio Colón, Interim Director for the [Florida College Access Network](#) (formally [ENLACE Florida](#)), the statewide organization facilitating the effort. Organizations represented in the local college access network include **Sant La Haitian Neighborhood Center, Konbit for Haiti, Florida International University, Educate Tomorrow, Pierre Toussaint at Notre Dame Catholic Church,** and the **Haitian American Scholarship Fund**. The Florida College Access Network engages communities for higher education and promotes college-readiness, access, and success for limited-income, first generation, and underrepresented students through research, communication, advocacy, and community support with the Big Goal of increasing the proportion of working adults in Florida who have a postsecondary degree or credential to 60% by 2025.

###