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Announcing FCAN's 2023 College Ready Florida Innovators

FCAN's annual **College Ready Florida Innovator Award** recognizes community leaders who made impactful contributions and utilized innovative strategies this school year to increase the effectiveness of FCAN's College Ready Florida initiatives: [Apply Yourself Florida](#), [Florida FAFSA Challenge](#), [Florida College Decision Day](#), and [Plan It Florida](#).

The 2023 College Ready Florida Innovators are:

Susan Barrineau

Head of Guidance

Amos P. Godby High School

Desmond Cole

Principal

Amos P. Godby High School

As Head of Guidance at Amos P. Godby High School in Tallahassee, Susan Barrineau played an integral part role in establishing the school's BEACON pilot program.

Through BEACON, the school partnered with the local chamber of commerce to train professionals in the community as volunteers who could come to Godby and work with seniors to complete last year's FAFSA.

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Godby saw immediate results: the percentage of seniors at the school who completed the FAFSA increased from 18% through March 2021 to 41% through March 2022.

Principal Desmond Cole supported the program from its inception and hosted weekly name drawings over the school's public address system to reward and recognize seniors who had completed the FAFSA.

Barrineau and Cole will be honored for their work during the **2023 Talent Strong Florida Summit Awards Luncheon** on April 28. Visit fcansummit.org to learn more and register.

Please join us in congratulating our 2023 Workforce Education Innovators on this well-deserved recognition!

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. We envision a Florida working together where education is the pathway to economic mobility for all. For more information, visit floridacollegeaccess.org.

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