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FCAN releases Florida FAFSA Challenge dashboard and statewide leaderboard

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 district and state-level data on high school seniors who have completed FAFSA to date during the 2017-18 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 31.

Last school year, Florida had the [third highest year-to-year increase](#) (19%) of any state in the number of FAFSA filings, trailing only Utah (33%) and Wyoming (22%).

Along with the dashboard, FCAN has also released the first Florida FAFSA Challenge Leaderboard for this school year. The leaderboard, which FCAN will update weekly through the end of March, lists the highest-performing schools and districts in the following categories:

- **MVP** (*Highest FAFSA completion rate through March 31st*)
- **Most Improved** (*FAFSA completion rate improved the most compared to last year through March*)

Schools at the top of the leaderboard by the end of the Florida FAFSA challenge will win awards and public recognition. A new award category to the Challenge this year is the "**50/50 Club**," which recognizes schools that have 50% or more students who qualify for free and reduced price lunch and achieve 50% or more FAFSA completion by March 31.

FCAN also celebrates the Florida FAFSA Challenge "Champions," which include all schools and districts that increase their FAFSA completion rates by at least 5% compared to last year.

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In recognition of the impact of Hurricane Irma on our communities, FCAN will also recognize organizations and institutions that have gone the extra mile to keep students on track.

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

The mission of the Florida College Access Network is to create and strengthen a statewide network that catalyzes and supports communities to improve college and career preparation, access, and completion for all students. Our Big Goal is to increase the percentage of Florida residents who hold a high-quality postsecondary degree or credential to 60% by the year 2025. For more information, visit www.floridacollegeaccess.org.

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