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Message from Complete Florida

As we embark on the New Year, Complete Florida continues to strengthen relationships with partner institutions and organizations that share our mission to help adult learners finish their college degrees. Our new offering, the stop out toolkit, makes it easier for schools to reconnect with students who have not registered for classes during the last three semesters.

We also continue to participate in the national conversation about degree attainment for adults. This year, [Complete Florida](#) will host a convening during the Florida College Access Network Annual Summit May 10 and 11 in Orlando. We look forward to seeing you there!

Best regards,
Michelle Horton
Complete Florida Director

Stop Out Toolkit

To help partner institutions re-enroll students who have stopped out, Complete Florida developed an easy-to-use toolkit. The kit contains three co-branded email messages and a specifically designed email header highlighting the partner institutions logo.



Miami Dade College is the latest school to use the kit. MDC compiled a list of 6,000 students who had not registered for classes in the past three semesters. Just before the winter break, MDC sent out the first of the three email messages. The message, headed by the logo that states "MDC wants you back," explains that Complete Florida is a free coaching service that helps adults return to college. The email goes on to ask: "Do you have questions about getting enrolled for an upcoming semester? Do you need guidance about making the final selection about your intended degree program? Have you filled out the FAFSA to find out if you qualify for Federal Student Aid? Are you having trouble figuring out how to juggle school, work and family life?" Students reply to the message with an email that goes directly to Complete Florida.

Complete Florida coaches coordinate with their contacts at MDC and walk these students through the process of re-enrolling. MDC chose to send the email through their own communication system, but Complete Florida can also send the stop out emails on behalf of the partner school. Florida State College at Jacksonville and Florida International University have also used Complete Florida's stop out toolkit. If you would like to do a stop out email campaign to encourage students to get back on track, send an email to Michelle Horton, Complete Florida director, at michelle@completeflorida.org.



CCA Webinar

Complete College America is a national nonprofit whose mission is to help

eliminate achievement gaps by providing opportunities for students to complete college degrees and credentials. CCA offers free webinars. The Complete Florida team will attend one of these webinars, "A Better Deal for Returning Adults" at 2 p.m. EST Feb. 23. Participants will learn how to increase degree attainment by inviting adult learners back to complete their education. Panelist will discuss the re-design of systems that offer accelerated courses, year-round enrollment and predictable schedules. Experts will offer ideas about awarding credit for prior learning experience. To sign up for the CCA webinar, [click here](#).

Legislative Update

The [Florida College Access Network](#)

partners with communities and leaders to ensure more students achieve an education beyond



high school, paving the path to prosperity for Florida families and our state. Staffers at FCAN provided an overview of the 2018 Florida Legislative Session, which started this month and continues through March 9. Higher education remains a priority for policymakers. Which of the 2,395 proposed bills are poised to impact postsecondary access and attainment for Florida students? To check out some of the top priorities and proposals to watch this session, [click here](#).



Save the Date

Join us! Complete Florida will host a convening during the [Florida College Access Network Annual Summit](#), on May 10 and 11 in Orlando. Complete

Florida invites partner institutions to participate in a discussion called "Coaching to Completion: Improving Degree Attainment for Returning Adults." Representatives from [Complete College America](#) and [The Graduate Network](#) will share information on national efforts about this topic.

What We're Reading

- [Going the Distance for Online students: Closing the Gap Between Academic Institutions and Students](#)
- [Single Mothers in College: Growing Enrollment, Financial Challenges and the Benefits of Attainment](#)
- [Today's College Students Aren't Who You Think](#)



Who Are We?

Complete Florida is a high-tech, low-hassle, online program for busy adults to finish their college degree and land their dream job. We provide free concierge coaching services for students returning to college.

CompleteFlorida.org.

By the Numbers

14 Partner Institutions

130+ Degree programs available through Complete Florida partner institutions

6,100+ Students working with a Complete Florida Coach

\$630,000+ Awarded in scholarships from Complete Florida

758 Graduates!



College is Good for Business

By 2025, 60% of Americans will need a college degree, workforce certificate, industry certification, or some other credential beyond high school.

~The Conference Board

What Students are Saying

"My coach was responsive and supportive and always available to answer any question."

~Christine

"I have been thrilled to find out about a program such as Complete Florida - it seemed to have been designed just for me."

~Becky

"Having that person makes a world of difference, it's almost like having someone on your team - they are there to support you."

~Nicole

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