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COLLEGE STUDENT AID COMMISSION MEETING — JULY 2022

Meeting. The College Student Aid Commission (CSAC) met on Friday, July 22, 2022, and materials related to the meeting can be found [here](#).

Executive Director's Report. The highlights of Executive Director Mark Wiederspan's report include the following:

- The Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) application cycle opened at 12:00 a.m. on October 1, 2021. As of July 11, 2022, 50.7% of Iowa high school students have completed the FAFSA. That number is down 0.2% from the same time last year.
- The Postsecondary Attainment Institute, approved during the May 13, 2022, meeting, has submitted the Articles of Incorporation, the 28E agreement, and bylaws with the State.

Grants and Scholarship. Director Wiederspan provided an update on several of the grants and scholarship programs administered by the CSAC. The application for the Health Care Professional Recruitment Program awarded 33 applicants awards totaling more than \$1.0 million.

Local College Access Networks (LCAN). Eleven communities have been awarded LCAN grants for FY 2023. Further information about LCANs can be found in an informational video [here](#).

AmeriCorps College Success Coaches. Staff members Liz Yaddof and Rohey Sallah updated the CSAC on the work of the AmeriCorps Course to College Coaching. The CSAC also heard directly from a former College Success Coach about his work. Additional information about the AmeriCorps program can be found [here](#).

Commission Approvals. The following action items were approved by the CSAC:

- An authorization for CSAC staff to draw down a maximum of \$5.5 million for scholarships for the GEAR UP 2.0 program.
- Three administrative rule changes related to legislation that was passed during the 2022 Legislative Session.

Legislative Committee Report. Staff member Todd Brown updated the CSAC on legislative activity and the status of current legislation.

Next Meeting. The next meeting of the CSAC is scheduled for September 16, 2022. The agenda for each meeting can be found on the CSAC [website](#).

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