

# College Readiness for High School Seniors

The Connecticut College & Career Readiness Alliance (CCCRA) is working to help more students enroll in college. Now more than ever, collaboration is vitally needed to ensure our state's students have access to the postsecondary opportunities that await them. Through a series of coordinated events, we are working to give 12th graders the resources they need in order to successfully navigate the college process. To learn more, visit [CCCRA](http://CCCRA).



## Successfully Navigating FAFSA Completion during COVID

**Date:** September 30, 2020, 10–11 a.m.

**Register:** <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/3114414374388972558>

FAFSA completion is one of the most critical tasks for students planning to pursue a postsecondary degree or credential. Facilitating FAFSA completion under the best of circumstances can be challenging; the pandemic has introduced even more hurdles. FAFSA completion is an equity issue and using student-level FAFSA completion data is critical to ensuring that all students complete the form. In this webinar we will recap the CSDE's FAFSA Opt-In via EdSight Secure, discuss statewide FAFSA priorities, review Federal Updates to the FAFSA and process, and highlight proven strategies to increase FAFSA completion efforts.

### Objectives

- Understand how to use EdSight Secure to retrieve FAFSA completion data
- Learn how to use EdSight Secure FAFSA Data to target noncompleters
- Understand federal updates to the FAFSA and FSA ID
- Learn strategies to start or enhance FAFSA completion in your schools and community
- Understand how the CSDE is prioritizing FAFSA completion and accountability to achieve statewide workforce goals

### Presenters

- David Alexandro, Ph.D, Education Consultant
- Dr. Chaka Felder-McEntire, Higher Heights Youth Empowerment
- Chris Soto, Director of Innovation & Partnerships

## Connecticut FAFSA Days

(in collaboration with New Haven Promise & Higher Heights Youth Empowerment)

### Dates:

- October 7, 6:30–8 p.m. (Open to all, virtual)
- October 21, 6:30–8 p.m. (Open to all, virtual)
- November 7, 10 a.m.–2 p.m. (New Haven FAFSA Day, in person, location to be determined)
- November 18, 6:30–8 p.m. (Open to all, virtual)
- December 16, 6:30–8 p.m. (Open to all, virtual)

**Register:** <https://newhavenpromise.wufoo.com/forms/zqcswzh190ynoe/>

Connecticut FAFSA Days are a collaborative series of workshops designed to connect students with trained facilitators in order to complete the FAFSA.



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## NACAC Virtual College Fairs

### Dates:

- Monday, October 12, 1–9 p.m. (or [download PDF version](#)) [See which colleges will be there.](#)
- Sunday, October 18, 12–8 p.m. (or [download PDF version](#)) [See which colleges will be there.](#)
- Sunday, November 8, 2–10 p.m. (or [download PDF version](#)) [See which colleges will be there.](#)

Log in on these fair dates to meet with 600+ colleges and universities. They'll be online to talk with high school juniors and seniors. Each virtual fair is a free, one-day event. Attend as often as you like. Parents are invited, too. Simply sign up at [virtualcollegefairs.org](http://virtualcollegefairs.org) now and register for one or more fairs. On the event date, use your phone or computer to log in. Learn, connect, ask questions, and discover your best college fit!

## Connecticut College Application Day

(in collaboration with Higher Heights Youth Empowerment and NECBAC—Northeast Consortium Bridging Access to College)

**Date:** October 24, 2020, 10 a.m.–12:30 p.m.

**Register:** <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/7115186443656669966>

Connecticut College Application Day is an opportunity for high school seniors to receive expert assistance in completing their college applications with the intent to increase college enrollment for Connecticut students. This event will bring together professionals from Colleges and Universities around New England to help students achieve their postsecondary dreams.

There will be a total of nine workshops, each 25 minutes with three-minute transitions.

