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White House, NCSCPS Partnering to Strengthen School Counseling, College Advising

Baltimore, Md.—More than 30 state college-access and counseling teams will discuss “Measurement, Mobilization, Moving Forward: Strengthening School Counseling and College Advising,” from November 2 to 4 at the University of North Florida in Jacksonville, as part of a conference sponsored by the National Consortium for School Counseling and Postsecondary Success, in partnership with First Lady Michelle Obama’s Reach Higher Initiative and the Florida Institute of Education.

The conference will feature Joseph Garcia, lieutenant governor of Colorado; Dr. Danette Howard, vice president for policy and mobilization for the Lumina Foundation; Jovan Uvin, acting assistant secretary for career, technical, and adult education for the U.S. Department of Education, and Madeline Pumareiga, chancellor of the Florida College System.

State teams, representing K-12, higher education, mission-aligned nonprofit organizations, state and national school counseling associations, policy-makers, practice-focused researchers and philanthropic organizations, will document their progress since the 2014 convening at San Diego State University.

“I continue to be impressed by the intensity and caliber of leaders rallying around the issue of school counselors,” said Eric Waldo, executive director of First Lady Michelle Obama’s Reach Higher initiative. “This convening is helping to take that groundswell movement and give it more and more substance so that counselors have the training, tools and systems in place they need to truly help all students become college and career ready.”

Through its work, the National Consortium for School Counseling and Postsecondary Success serves as a catalyst to support and strengthen school counseling, college advising and collaborative systems that provide college and career information to underserved students and families across the nation.

Consortium activities rely heavily on current school counselor leadership and strategic partnerships with the broad network of college access professionals and school counselors throughout the nation. Its highest priorities are to work with states, college-access partners and educational institutions to identify and remove historical and pervasive barriers that underserved student populations face in seeking and obtaining quality educational opportunities.