



READY FOR PELL



**Ready for Pell Announces 22 New Grant Partners, Representing Diverse Postsecondary Education in Prison Programs**

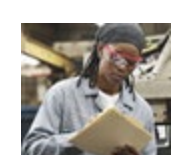
Ascendium and Jobs for the Future are pleased to announce 22 new grant partners for Ascendium's \$4.7 million Ready for Pell postsecondary education in prison initiative. The diverse cohort of grant partners will incorporate evidence-based best practices as they build out and refine their postsecondary education in prison programs. Results and learnings will be shared widely with the field as incarcerated learners' access to Pell Grants is restored in the 2023-24 school year. [Read more...](#)



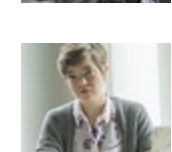
**Ascendium's Education Philanthropy Looks Forward in 2022**

Ascendium's Education Philanthropy is excited to begin another year where we explore new ideas and approaches in support of our mission. We'll continue funding work that aims to change postsecondary education and workforce training systems so that more learners from low-income backgrounds can achieve academic and career success. Read more about our aspirations for 2022 across our four focus areas as shared by our Grantmaking team. [Read more...](#)

**Additional Ascendium News**



**Competency-Based Education Field Guide Launches**



**New Study Presents Compelling Evidence on the Benefits of Multiple Measures Assessments**



**RAND Report Shines a Light on Career Navigators Role in the Carceral Setting**

**New Resources**

As a result of our grantmaking, many informative resources are created by our grant partners. New resources are published to our [Resource Library](#) often. Click each link to access the new resources grant partners have shared over the past month.

- **COVID-19 Transfer, Mobility and Progress: Fall 2021 Report** (National Student Clearinghouse Research Center)
- **Increasing Gatekeeper Course Completion** (MDRC and Community College Research Center)
- **Introducing Our Nation's Rural-Serving Postsecondary Institutions** (Alliance for Research on Regional Colleges)
- **Placing a Hold on Postsecondary Student Success** (Education Commission of the States)
- **Prioritizing Analysis of Student Transcripts in Degree Reclamation Efforts to Improve Student Completion Outcomes** (Institute for Higher Education Policy)
- **Rural-Serving Institutions Data Tool** (Alliance for Research on Regional Colleges)
- **The Latino Adult Student Success Academy** (Council for Adult and Experiential Learning)
- **The Degree Reclamation Playbook** (Institute for Higher Education Policy)

**On the Go: Find Ascendium Staff in the Field**

Ascendium is committed to the safety of our staff and will continue to monitor and follow the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's guidance regarding travel. We look forward to seeing you at upcoming virtual and in-person events.

**SXSW EDU 2022**  
Austin, TX  
March 7-10, 2022

- Rebecca Villarreal, moderator, "Data Innovation: Bridging Gaps & Building Capacity"

**Virtual PEAK Grantmaking: PEAK Online 2022**  
March 21-25, 2022

**Association for Public Policy Analysis & Management's 2021 Fall Conference** (postponed from Nov. 11-13, 2021)

Austin, TX  
March 27-29, 2022

- Carolyn Lee, discussant, "College Transfer: Barriers, Policy and Technology Solutions"

**ASU+GSV Summit**  
San Diego, CA  
April 4-6, 2022

**2022 American Educational Research Association Annual Meeting: Cultivating Equitable Education Systems for the 21st Century**  
San Diego, CA and Virtual

April 21-26, 2022

**Berea College and Education Forward Arizona: Rural College Access and Success Summit**  
Scottsdale, AZ  
April 24-27, 2022

**Grantmakers for Effective Organizations: 2022 National Conference**  
Chicago, IL  
May 16-18, 2022

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