Happy Holidays from everyone at the College Savings Plans Network!

As the year comes to a close, it is an important time for everyone to consider college savings. Whether it’s a relative or family friend looking to buy a child a meaningful gift or a parent looking to maximize their tax benefits, the end of the year presents the perfect moment for people to evaluate how saving now can impact a child’s education in the years to come. This holiday season, we hope that parents across the country stop to think about the young students in their lives and contribute to the future of education in our country.

As always, keep up with the latest news about college savings on our Facebook page, Twitter account, and CSPN blog. Feel free to share our social media links on your own site to keep everyone up to date.

Warm regards,
Michael Fitzgerald
Chair, College Savings Plans Network
Iowa State Treasurer

Upcoming Events
Parents Wanted!

CSPN is looking for parents, (as well as grandparents and friends) who have contributed to 529 accounts to speak with reporters for future feature stories. If you know someone that is willing to discuss their experience with 529 plans, please have them contact Emily Schneider at EmilyS@RosenGroupPR.com.

NAST Legislative Conference
March 18-20, 2013 - Washington, D.C.
Committee meetings: March 18
Sessions: March 19-20
Hill Visits: the afternoon of March 20

This conference provides a unique opportunity to hear from top-level officials from the Executive and Legislative branches about the latest events in Washington. CSPN members can meet with staff of the Members of Congress to advocate for CSPN's federal legislative agenda. This year's conference in particular is an excellent time to educate the many new staff members who have come to Washington and are just learning about 529 plans.

NAST Treasury Management Training Symposium
May 14-17, 2013 - Pittsburgh, PA
Committee meetings: afternoon of May 14
Sessions: May 15-17 (ends at 12pm on the 17th)

All CSPN members can participate in committee meetings to discuss current programs and initiatives. Additionally, sessions will focus on all areas of 529 plan operations and administration, as well as higher education in general.

More details about these events are available on the NAST website.
About College Savings Plans Network (CSPN)

The College Savings Plans Network (CSPN) is a national non-profit association and the leading, objective source of information about Section 529 College Savings Plans and Prepaid Tuition Plans-popular, convenient and tax-advantaged ways to save for college. An affiliate of the National Association of State Treasurers (NAST), CSPN brings together administrators of 529 savings and prepaid plans from all 50 states, as well as their private sector partners, to offer convenient tools and objective information to help families make informed decisions about saving for college.