Dear Abby,

It’s been a busy fall at the College Savings Plans Network (CSPN). States nationwide celebrated College Savings Month in September with giveaways and contests, partnerships with pro sports teams, fun and educational activities for families, and more. CSPN shared each state’s activities with an interactive map that we created to help spread the word.

Also during September, CSPN released our 2013 mid-year 529 report, which found that during the first six months of the year, total assets and number of open accounts reached $205 billion and 11.43 million, respectively. It is encouraging to see that 529 assets and accounts have continued to grow with each bi-annual report.

As more people invested in 529 plans, they also visited our website and blog. We at CSPN are proud to share that the months of August and September saw record traffic to the CSPN blog - which means more people are coming to visit our website and learn about the resources we can provide. Thanks to all those to have contributed who made this possible.

As we head into the year’s end, I would like to take this opportunity to welcome Betty Lochner as the new Chair of CSPN. It has
Upcoming Events

NAST Issues Conference
12/3/13-12/5/13
New York, NY

NAST Legislative Conference
3/17/14-3/19/14
Washington, D.C.

NAST Treasury Management Training Symposium
5/13/14-5/16/14
Buena Vista, FL

More details about these events are available on the [NAST website](#).

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been a pleasure to serve in this role for the past two years, and I offer my most sincere thanks and gratitude to the members of each and every 529 plan for their generous support and knowledge as we continue on our mission to spread awareness about saving for college. I look forward to the advancement and innovation that Ms. Lochner is sure to bring to CSPN during her tenure.

Warm regards,

Michael L. Fitzgerald
Chair, College Savings Plans Network
Iowa State Treasurer

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Congratulations to CSPN’s College Savings Month Giveaway Winners!

To celebrate College Savings Month and help get the word out about saving for college, CSPN hosted a Facebook giveaway. Anytime during the month of September, anyone who liked CSPN’s Facebook page was eligible to win $529 toward a newly established college savings 529 account or a $529 contribution to an existing one.

When College Savings Month drew to a close on October 1, CSPN randomly selected 10 winners from the hundreds of entries. The winners, who hailed from Florida, Indiana, New York, Massachusetts, Ohio and Washington, were excited to add their winnings to existing accounts or to open new accounts boosted by their winnings.
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.