On behalf of everyone at the College Savings Plans Network (CSPN), I'm thrilled to welcome you to our new newsletter. Each month, we'll be sharing the latest news about college savings, tips to help people to get started and links to great college savings tools.

This month, we're sharing data from our mid-year 529 Report, which found record levels of growth for college savings plans across the country.

CSPN firmly believes that it's never too early or too late to start saving. We hope that this newsletter will become a resource for you to help keep you informed. Also be sure to check out our new Facebook page, follow us on Twitter, and read our brand new CSPN blog on our homepage.

Warm regards,
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529 Mid-Year Report
Based on data collected by CSPN from all 529 plans across the country, the mid-

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We are excited to have launched our new CSPN blog during College Savings Month to provide insight from CSPN members across the country on all topics pertaining to college savings plans. To read the latest entries, click here.

The year 529 Report shows record level growth for 529 plans in the first half of the year. Highlights from the report include:

- Total investment by American families in 529 plans has reached a record level of $179.02 billion. In the first six months of 2012, total assets in 529 plans grew by $14.16 billion dollars, nearly twice as much as the $7.43 billion increase in all of 2011.

- The total number of 529 accounts continued to increase substantially over the past 18 months, going from 10.16 million in December 2010 to 10.98 million as of June 30, 2012.

- The average 529 account size continues to grow, reaching an all-time high of $16,298 as of June 30, 2012, a 6.2% increase over the past twelve months.

The full report is available online.