



ISACorps Overview

In the fall of 2009, ISAC announced one of its' newest initiatives, the ISACorps. The ISACorps is funded by the College Access Challenge Grant Program from the U.S. Department of Education. The Corps' main mission is to expand ISAC's college access and outreach programs and services to help students navigate the process of applying to and entering college.

The ISACorps is responsible for assisting students with career exploration, college selection, test preparation, scholarship searches, application completion, and the financial aid process. They also build and enhance ISAC's partnerships with local schools, businesses, and nonprofits in order to deliver free career and college planning and preparation services to students from families with no prior college-going experience.

The Corps is comprised of recent college graduates who serve as near peer mentors to high school students. Each of the members is assigned to a community college district in Illinois. Each college district has one to three ISACorps members assigned within their community. Currently, there are over 80 mentors and 7 regional coordinators. While the community college districts were used to equitably divide up the state, the Corps is not affiliated with the community college system.

Each ISACorps member has been trained by ISAC to reach out to students to help them prepare for the college-going process. They are required to attend an extensive training that covers a variety of topics including, but not limited to: community organizing; academic barriers to postsecondary education; financial barriers to postsecondary education; social barriers to postsecondary education; counseling and mentoring skills; college access marketing; and professional and public speaking skills. This summer, the Corps members just completed 6 exciting weeks of training at CorpsCon2014. Ongoing training is also provided to ISACorps members consistent with the training provided to other professional ISAC College Access and Outreach staff.

Last year, the Corps conducted over 6,400 outreach events, including more than 700 FAFSA completion workshops and 800 financial aid presentations.

Working with schools, colleges, and community based organizations across the state, more than 190,000 students, parents, and other individuals participated in these outreach events held in over 450 cities and towns.

Click on the map to find your local ISACorps representative!

List of College Districts

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