



**BRIDGE2LIFE
SOUND OF SUCCESS
INAUGURAL EXPO**

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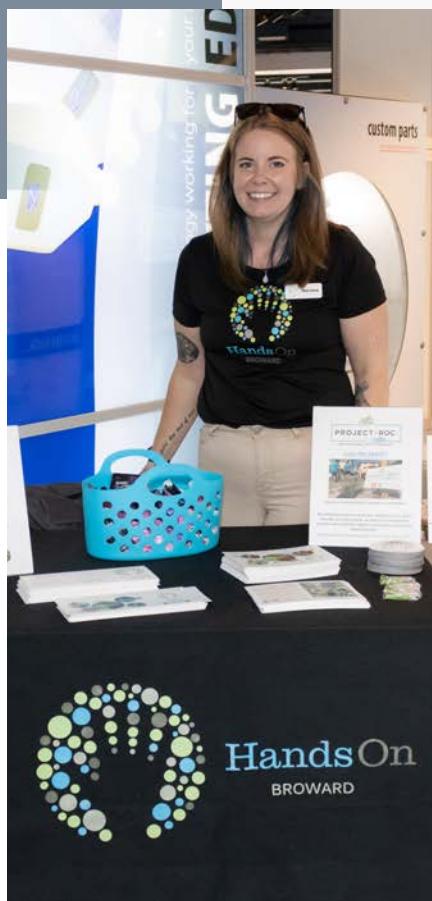
On October 12, Broward Bridge 2 Life (B2L) – Broward County’s local college access network (LCAN) – hosted its inaugural B2L ‘The Sound of Success’ Expo at the Museum of Discovery and Science.

The free event included a College and Career Marketplace featuring 50 local postsecondary institutions, college and career readiness resources and prospective employers.

B2L’s objectives for the 2019-20 academic year include raising awareness of resources for college and career readiness, raising the number of scholarships high school seniors apply for, and boosting the district’s FAFSA completion rate.



COLLEGE AND CAREER MARKETPLACE



The expo kicked off with a “Battle of the Bands” between Blanche Ely, Fort Lauderdale, and Stranahan high schools. The amazing talent of our youth was on full display.



SOUND OF SUCCESS



BRACE (Broward Advisors for Continuing Education) Cadets served as volunteer staff for the event helping make the expo a success. BRACE Cadets are high school students who implement special projects in their schools to help their peers get ready for college, career, and to succeed in life after high school.

We are proud of and grateful for this remarkable group of young leaders and mentors.

BRACE Cadets built the B2L website and serve on B2L's Steering Committee.

Angel Gomez, one of the BRACE Cadets was a featured speaker during the VIP ribbon-cutting ceremony.



**THE VOICE
OF YOUTH -
BRACE CADETS**



Who knew the FAFSA could be fun? Qweshia Keen, a college advisor for Broward College designed a fun, interactive and challenging FAFSA game fashioned after the TV game show Family Feud.



BRACE Advisors Shedly Casseus and Willuance Mesalian led well attended workshops on Personal Statements and Scholarships.

A FAFSA Lab equipped with 25 laptops and with hands-on guidance from translators, college and BRACE Advisors led families through the successful completion of the FAFSA application. Pre-event communication provided clear instruction on the required materials needed to complete the FAFSA onsite.



FAFSA FAMILY FEUD, WORKSHOPS AND FAFSA LABS



EXECUTIVE CHAMPION PARTICIPATION



**WE ARE
GRATEFUL TO
ALL WHO
CONTRIBUTED
TO THE
SUCCESS AND
IMPACT OF
THIS EVENT**



THANK YOU

On Deck for B2L:

- B2L's Equity and Inclusion Initiative
- B2L's Data Framework
- B2L's 9 High School Focus
- Continued Deep Dive FAFSA Workshops
- Upcoming Community Forums
- FAFSA Trained 211 Call Counselors

Another update to come soon.

In gratitude,

The B2L Team

