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NCAN Announces New Board Members
Board Appoints Sarita Brown and Elizabeth Morgan to Serve

WASHINGTON DC — The National College Access Network is pleased to announce two new board members: Sarita Brown and Elizabeth Morgan. Both bring unique backgrounds to the NCAN Board of Directors. Brown and Morgan are appointed members and will serve through the 2009 annual meeting.

“Brown and Morgan both have new ideas and diverse experiences that will greatly benefit NCAN,” said John Dean, President of the NCAN Board of Directors. “Their addition will greatly enhance NCAN’s ability to fulfill its mission.”

Sarita E. Brown – Ms. Brown currently serves as the President for *Excelencia* in Education. She is founding President and helped launch *Excelencia* in June 2004, while working at the Pew Hispanic Center. Previous to this work, she helped the Hispanic Scholarship Fund establish a public sector affiliate by serving as founding President of the Hispanic Scholarship Fund Institute. From 1997-2000, Brown served as Executive Director of the White House Initiative on Educational Excellence for Hispanic Americans under President Clinton and Secretary of Education Riley, releasing the report “Creating the Will: Hispanics Achieving Educational Excellence.” Brown has won numerous awards, including receiving an Honorary Doctor of Humane Letters from North Carolina State University. She holds a bachelor’s of arts in ethnic studies and a bachelor’s of science and master’s of arts in communication from The University of Texas at Austin.

Elizabeth Morgan – Ms. Morgan is director of youth programs at the Jack Kent Cooke Foundation where she oversees the development and management of grants to other organizations as well as the Foundation's Young Scholars Program. Before joining the foundation, Ms. Morgan was a grant officer for the Michigan State Bar Foundation, which awards more than \$8 million annually to provide civil legal assistance to the poor. Ms. Morgan also has experience in communications, including three years as a reporter and editor at the Bureau of National Affairs, a legal and business publishing company in Washington, D.C. She holds a J.D. from the Washington College of Law at American University and an A.B. in history from Duke University.

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*About **the National College Access Network**: Incorporated in 1995, the mission of the National College Access Network (NCAN) is to support member programs that inspire and motivate students to gain access to post-secondary education. Through advising and financial assistance, its members share a commitment to encourage and enable students to achieve their educational goals. More information about NCAN may be found at www.collegeaccess.org <<http://www.collegeaccess.org>> .*