

# New Hampshire Scholars Partners with *College Access Initiative*

Program collaborates with other access groups  
to establish statewide access team

The New Hampshire College & University Council and Campus Compact for New Hampshire have embarked on a collaborative project to assist underserved populations. The Access New Hampshire Initiative's mission is to **increase opportunities and pathways to assist underrepresented students in accessing higher education opportunities.**



To accomplish these goals, a College Access Team has been created. Members of the team include **Scott Power** (Director, New Hampshire Scholars), **Esteban López** (Director, Latino Initiative), **Jillian Dahlberg** (Program Coordinator, VISTA), **Heather Keyworth** (Program Assistant, New Hampshire Scholars & Campus Compact for NH) and **Stephanie Lesperance** (Associate Director, NH College & University Council). The Access Team is pursuing a number of diverse strategies to increase student retention rates, improve academic success and ease transitions from K-12 to higher education. The Access New Hampshire Initiative will provide comprehensive resources to students and schools throughout the state, including:

- Sponsorship of various access programs
- Hosting mini-college fairs at high schools across NH
- Develop information on financial aid and scholarships
- Collaborate closely with partners including The New Hampshire Scholars Program, AmeriCorps\*VISTA programs, and much more!

This initiative will reach underserved populations in all corners of the state including the North Country, Lakes Region, Seacoast, Western corner and the Southern region. The goal is to provide all students with the tools to be college and career ready. New Hampshire Scholars is proud to collaborate on this project. In all ten of the participating Scholars' schools, State Scholars has played an integral role of access and readiness for students.

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