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On the Go: Find Ascendium Staff in the Field

Recent Grants

As a result of our grantmaking, many informative resources are created by our grant partners. New resources are published to our resource library often. Click each link to access the new resources grant partners have shared over the past month.

**New Resources**

- **National Rural Education Association | $50,000 | 09/2021 - 08/2022**
  - This grant supports National Rural Education Association in developing their rural grand challenge framework.
- **Colorado State University | $1,997,600 | 09/2021 - 08/2024**
  - This grant supports the Partnership for College Completion, in collaboration with the University of Virginia Center for the Study of Education Finance and Policy, to remove structural barriers to success for students on a path to Pell for all.
- **Vera Institute of Justice Helps Guide Postsecondary Education in Prison Programs on a Path to Pell for All**
  - Ascendium is announcing Ready for Pell, a two-year, $4.7 million strategic initiative to strengthen emerging postsecondary education in prison programs ahead of the restoration of Pell Grants in the 2023-24 academic year for learners who are incarcerated. Through Ready for Pell, Ascendium will provide grants of up to $125,000 to incarcerated learners and build the capacity of rural institutions to adopt guided pathways reforms.

Additional Ascendium News

- **Aspen Institute Fellowship Program**
  - The Aspen Institute Fellowship Program is a unique mentorship opportunity for mid-career professionals who are committed to making a lasting impact in their communities. The program provides fellows with access to a diverse network of leaders and resources, as well as the opportunity to develop new skills and strategies to address pressing social challenges.
- **Front Line**
  - A new podcast produced by the University of Southern Maine (USM) and funded by the John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation, Front Line is hosted by Kirstin Yeado and Danielle Vetter, presenters of the Ready for Pell initiative. In each episode, Yeado and Vetter will interview leaders in the field of higher education to explore strategies for student success.
- **SREE Summer Fellows Program a Win-Win-Win for Students, Researchers, and Institutional Change Agents**
  - The SREE Summer Fellows Program is a collaboration between the School of Education at the University of California, San Diego (UCSD), and the Alliance for Higher Education in Prison. The program provides graduate students with the opportunity to gain practical experience in the field of higher education while contributing to the development of research and policy solutions to improve educational outcomes for incarcerated learners.
- **Our Team Members**
  - Ascendium is a proud sponsor of the Education in Prison Alliance for Higher Education in Prison: 11th National Conference on Higher Education in Prison. This conference brings together educators, policymakers, and advocates from across the country to share best practices and explore innovative solutions to improve educational opportunities for incarcerated learners.
- **Spring Lake Institute**
  - The Spring Lake Institute is a private, co-educational boarding school located in Croton-on-Hudson, New York. The institute offers a challenging academic program that prepares students for college and beyond.
- **Zoological Society of London (ZSL)**
  - The Zoological Society of London (ZSL) is a conservation organization that works to protect wildlife and habitats around the world. ZSL conducts research, provides conservation training, and supports projects that protect endangered species.
- **Colorado Springs Independent School District**
  - The Colorado Springs Independent School District is a public school district located in Colorado Springs, Colorado. The district is committed to providing a high-quality education to all students, regardless of background or ability.

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