

Dear Friends,

September is College Savings Month in Florida. The opportunity to send a child to college is a wonderful part of the American dream. By planning ahead, college is affordable. Even small amounts of savings, done regularly, add up over time. There is no better or wiser time than now to start saving for your child's college education. It is the best investment you can make in your child's future, or the future of a grandchild.



The Florida Prepaid College Board offers two affordable, tax-free options for you to set aside money for a child's future education. The Florida Prepaid College Plan and the Florida College Investment Plan give you the choice and flexibility to reach your college savings goals.

Florida Prepaid College Plan

The Florida Prepaid College Plan is the nation's largest plan of its kind. The plan lets you lock-in the cost of your child's future college tuition, at today's prices. So the earlier you start, the more you can save. You can cover the actual costs at any of Florida's universities and our community colleges.

Florida College Investment Plan

The Florida College Investment Plan allows families to save for college tuition, fees and housing -- and for other college expenses not covered by the Florida Prepaid College Plan -- including books and graduate school. Saving for a college education is one of the most important things families can do for their children. And the time to begin saving is today.

Climate Change Roundtable With Religious Leaders

We must be good stewards of the land, air and water and use renewable resources that can be naturally replenished. This week I held a roundtable discussion on global climate change with religious leaders from Tallahassee. The conversation focused on Florida's effort to reduce greenhouse gases and increase energy efficiency and explored possible climate friendly strategies for partnerships between state governments and the private sector, including faith-based organizations. We cannot thoughtlessly waste what God has so bountifully supplied.



May God continue to bless you and the great State of Florida,

Charlie Crist