



GREAT LAKES
FAST Fund
Consortium

Believe in Students | MATC Local 212 | UPI Local 4100 | Cook County Community College Local 1600

About

The Great Lakes FAST Fund Consortium is a collaboration between Believe in Students, a national nonprofit organization focused on addressing basic needs insecurity on college campuses, and FAST Fund leaders at MATC Local 212, UPI Local 4100, and Cook County Community College Local 1600. The Consortium is a new and exciting effort to bring students, faculty, and other higher education professionals together to address challenges to college affordability and create a higher education system better able to support today's college students.

Approach



Provide direct aid to students.



Create a social, digital, and traditional media presence to advocate for these issues.



Engage impacted students as student fellows, providing organizing and communications training and creating a network for the FAST Fund on their campus.



Unite higher education employees in the region by providing education and training to local membership about key policy issues that impact both students and those who educate them and creating advocates for support.

School Partners

- Governors State University
- Malcolm X College
- Milwaukee Area Technical College
- Moraine Valley Community College
- Northeastern Illinois University
- Wilbur Wright College

Impact

Our student Changemaker Fellows and campus-based site leaders will (a) develop an advocacy agenda, (b) increase awareness about students' basic needs at their college, and (c) advocate for policy and practice changes to advance these needs.

Get Involved

To join the effort, please contact Traci Kirtley at tkirtley@believeinstudents.org.

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