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HAPPY HOLIDAYS FROM GRADMINNESOTA

Everyone at the Alliance and GradMinnesota wishes you a peaceful and joyful holiday season.

Thank you to all of our partners and supporters for a wonderful year of collaboration and innovation in support of Minnesota's young people! Here's to new projects and collaborations in 2018!



Grad Rate Reaches New High, But The Gaps Remain

NEWS

The latest graduation rates are out, revealing that the nation has reached an 84.1 percent on-time high school graduation rate—up from 83.2 percent last year. While that progress is certainly worth celebrating, the deeper story behind that number is that the country is off-track for the third year in a row to reaching the GradNation campaign goal of 90 percent by 2020. [Read more ...](#)



Small 'Nudges' Can Push Students in the Right Direction

RESEARCH

Education researchers increasingly are exploring "nudges"—low-cost interventions that work to influence behavior by changing how or when choices are offered. These interventions usually involve small, cheap-to-implement changes, and some have shown significant results. For example, Stanford University motivation researcher Carol Dweck said nudge interventions show promise in helping students and the adults around them develop a strong academic growth mindset, the belief that academic skills are not fixed but can be improved through effort. [Read more ...](#)



GradMN Resource Library Video

RESOURCE

Have you checked out the [GradMinnesota Online Resource Library](#) recently? New and updated content is available for each of the 7 Priority Recommendations, focusing on Youth Voice, Supporting Research and Resources for Implementation! Want to spread the word about the Library? Watch and share this great informational video: [WATCH HERE!](#)



Host an AmeriCorps Member in 2018!

NEWS

Applications to host AmeriCorps Promise Fellows and Alliance VISTA members for the 2018/19 service term are available now! [APPLY NOW!](#)



Schools, non-profits, government agencies, community-wide coalitions, or statewide agencies looking to increase student academic engagement and build the capacity of your organization to address educational inequities are encouraged to apply,

Organizations interested in hosting an Alliance AmeriCorps Promise Fellow or VISTA for 2018-2019 must complete the application by **January 12, 2018**. [Learn more ...](#)

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