



Dear Colleague:

The Pell Institute for the Study of Opportunity in Higher Education is pleased to invite you to the opening dinner of the 29<sup>th</sup> Annual Student Financial Aid Research Network (SFARN) Conference in the historic city of Memphis at the Westin Memphis Beale Street Hotel. The dinner kicks off the PG40 Impact Initiative and is the first of a series of strategic events that the Pell Institute has planned to celebrate the 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Pell Grants.

The PG40 Impact Initiative Dinner will feature remarks from Clay Pell, IV, the late Senator Claiborne Pell's grandson; Deborah Northcross, Executive Director of the Southeastern Association of Educational Opportunity Program Personnel (SAEOPP); and Jamie Merisotis, President of the Lumina Foundation. I hope that you will be able to join us for this significant occasion.

**Date:** Wednesday, June 13, 2012

**Location:** Westin Memphis Beale Street -- 170 Lt. George W. Lee Avenue, Memphis, TN

**Time:** 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.

To register for The PG40 Impact Initiative Dinner or for the entire SFARN Conference, please follow the link below:

[https://fs3.formsite.com/coecoecoecoe/form295/secure\\_index.html](https://fs3.formsite.com/coecoecoecoe/form295/secure_index.html)

A detailed agenda will be available soon. Please contact [lennox.alfred@pellinstitute.org](mailto:lennox.alfred@pellinstitute.org) with any questions.

Kind Regards,

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