



Alana Mbanza

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Alana Mbanza currently serves as a Postsecondary Navigator for the City Colleges of Chicago. As a college access and success advisor for the past seven years, Alana has devoted herself to supporting hundreds of students and families as they navigate the college decision making process. In addition to individual advising, Alana offers educational outreach through workshops on financial literacy, success in college, and career planning.

Alana has contributed to many different publications, and been featured on National Public Radio (NPR) and in Money magazine. She is also the author of “Write Your Personal Statement in a Weekend: A Workbook for High School Juniors and Seniors.” In 2015, Alana had the honor of meeting First Lady Michelle Obama when she won the White House Reacher Higher FAFSA Completion Challenge.