



**THERE'S A BETTER WAY  
TO SAVE FOR COLLEGE.**

New enhancements to your  
DC College Savings Plan account.



YOUR DC COLLEGE SAVINGS PLAN IS  
**CHANGING**  
FOR THE BETTER.



We're pleased to announce several significant enhancements to your DC College Savings Plan account. **Beginning this March**, your plan will have:

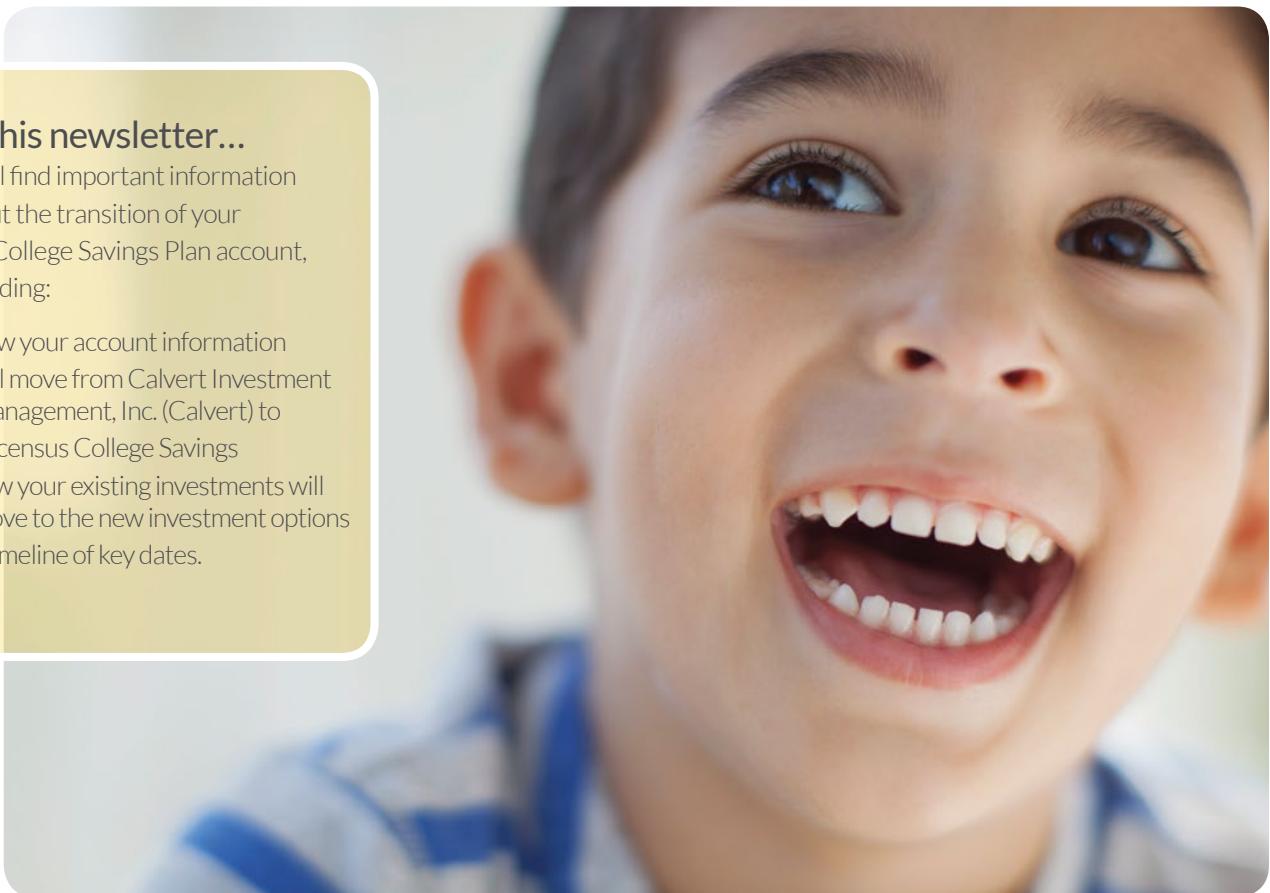
- a new Program Manager, Ascensus College Savings Recordkeeping Services, LLC (Ascensus College Savings)
- lower fees
- a new investment lineup
- improved online access
- additional ways to save, and much more.

**Best of all, there's nothing you need to do at this time.** Your account information, including records and assets, will automatically transition to Ascensus College Savings. This newsletter explains how the transition will work and highlights the new features and benefits of the DC College Savings Plan.

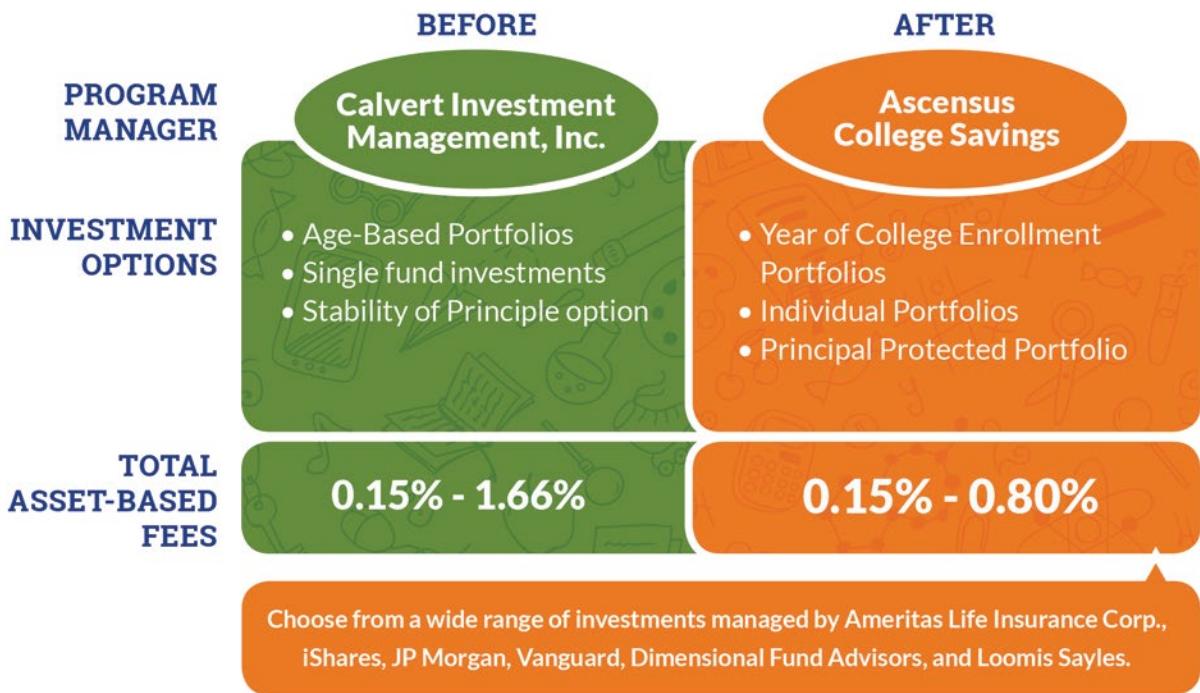
#### In this newsletter...

You'll find important information about the transition of your DC College Savings Plan account, including:

- how your account information will move from Calvert Investment Management, Inc. (Calvert) to Ascensus College Savings
- how your existing investments will move to the new investment options
- a timeline of key dates.



# PLAN CHANGES AT A GLANCE



Your new DC College Savings Plan will make saving for college easier than ever, with:

#### New investment options

Choose from a wide range of investments offered by respected investment companies, such as iShares, JP Morgan, Vanguard, Dimensional Fund Advisors, Loomis Sayles, and Ameritas Life Insurance Corp. DC College Savings Plan will offer:

- Year of College Enrollment Portfolios that become more conservative over time, based on the year your beneficiary is expected to attend college
- eight Individual Portfolios that comprise a variety of asset classes
- one Principal Protected Portfolio.

#### Lower average costs

The total annual asset-based fees for the new investment options will depend on which investments you choose. As an existing account owner, your total annual asset-based fees will range from 0.15% - 0.80%. Depending upon your investment choices, this could result in a fee reduction of more than 50%!

#### Increased maximum total contribution

The maximum total account balance limit for each Beneficiary will rise to \$500,000 following the transition, increasing your ability to save for higher education.



### Program management from a 529 expert

Our new Program Manager, Ascensus College Savings, specializes in making college investing available for families throughout the nation. As of December 31, 2016, Ascensus College Savings administers more than 3.8 million 529 accounts.

### Simplified online account management

You'll enjoy expanded online functionality, so you can manage your account when and where it's convenient for you. From your phone, tablet, laptop, or desktop, you can make:

- additional contributions
- withdrawals
- investment exchanges
- changes to your banking instructions
- invitations to friends and family to make gifts
- updates to your profile, and more.



**Be sure to retain your existing account number in order to log on to the DC College Savings Plan after the transition. Account Owners will need to register for new online account access beginning March 27, 2017. Registering for access should take just a few minutes using the easy, onscreen instructions at [www.dccollegesavings.com](http://www.dccollegesavings.com) after the transition.**



## Special benefits for DC taxpayers will remain.

While you can expect a wide range of improvements to your plan, some things remain unchanged. If you're a DC taxpayer, you'll still be eligible to:

- Deduct up to \$4,000 in Plan contributions from your federal adjusted gross income each year on your DC tax return (up to \$8,000 for married couples filing jointly, if both own accounts).
- Carry forward a DC income tax deduction for any amount greater than \$4,000 contributed to one or more accounts in any tax year, and carry forward the deduction for up to five years.<sup>1</sup>

<sup>1</sup>Contributions by DC taxpayers in excess of the annual limit can be carried forward and deducted in future years on their DC tax return. If a participant makes a non-qualified withdrawal or a transfer/rollover to another state's program within two (2) years after the deduction is taken, the amount of the deduction is "recaptured" and must be included in the participant's District of Columbia income. Check with your tax advisor to see how 529 plans are treated for income tax purposes.

## Additional savings opportunities to help reach your goals

Saving for college can be a challenge. Your DC College Savings Plan offers two great ways to add to your savings:

### **Ugift® – Give College Savings**

Ugift is an easy, free-to-use service that lets family and friends give the meaningful gift of money into your DC College Savings Plan account. Saving for college can take a village, and Ugift makes it easy to get help from your network of family and friends. Instead of giving toys, clothes, or other traditional gifts that a child will outgrow, gift givers get the satisfaction of knowing that their generosity can make a lasting impression.

Information about Ugift will be available on the new DC College Savings Plan website.

### **Upromise® by Sallie Mae®**

Upromise is a rewards program that believes everyone should have a chance to go to college and pursue his or her dreams. Since 2001, Upromise has helped its members earn millions in cash back for college from eligible purchases that you most likely make every day. These earnings can be transferred automatically to your DC College Savings Plan account on a periodic basis, subject to a \$25 minimum.

To learn more, visit [www.upromise.com](http://www.upromise.com).<sup>2</sup>

<sup>2</sup>Upromise rewards is an optional service offered by Upromise, Inc., is separate from the DC College Savings Plan, and is not affiliated with the Program Manager or the District of Columbia. Specific terms and conditions apply. Participating companies, contribution levels, terms, and conditions subject to change without notice.

# The new investment lineup

## 1. Year of College Enrollment Portfolios

Choose from the following seven Portfolios based on your beneficiary's age and future year of college enrollment. As they grow older and near college, the underlying investments will automatically change to match their compressed time horizon and risk levels.

- [DC College Savings 2034 Portfolio](#)
- [DC College Savings 2031 Portfolio](#)
- [DC College Savings 2028 Portfolio](#)
- [DC College Savings 2025 Portfolio](#)
- [DC College Savings 2022 Portfolio](#)
- [DC College Savings 2019 Portfolio](#)
- [DC College Savings In College Portfolio](#)

## 2. Individual Portfolios

Choose from eight investment options to create your own personalized investment mix. Each Individual Portfolio is invested in a single underlying fund.

- [U.S. Total Stock Market Index Portfolio](#)
- [U.S. Large Cap Equity Portfolio](#)
- [U.S. Small Cap Equity Portfolio](#)
- [U.S. Socially Responsible Equity Portfolio](#)
- [Non-U.S. Socially Responsible Equity Portfolio](#)
- [Non-U.S. Total Stock Market Index Portfolio](#)
- [U.S. Intermediate-Term Bond Index Portfolio](#)
- [Intermediate-Term Bond Portfolio](#)

## 3. Principal Protected Portfolio

This portfolio is invested intentionally to provide a guaranty of principal.

- [Principal Protected Portfolio](#)

## Your investments following the transition

At the time of the transition, your current assets will automatically shift ("map") to the new investment option(s) within the DC College Savings Plan that most closely matches your current investments. The mapping is designed to match your current portfolio with the portfolio that is most similar to your current portfolio.

After the transition, you may change your allocations if you wish. This option will be available if you have not already performed two investment exchanges in 2017, per federal 529 plan regulations. (Because the transition of DC College Savings Plan is a program-initiated change, it will NOT be considered one of your two annual investment exchanges.)

### The move: automatic and transparent

You needn't do anything at the time of the transition. Your assets will automatically transfer to the appropriate investment option(s) shown on the next page.

## Age-Based Portfolio mapping

If you're currently invested in the DC College Savings Age-Based Portfolios, your investments will map to the new DC College Savings Year of College Enrollment Portfolio that most closely corresponds to the year your beneficiary plans to begin college. As your beneficiary approaches college age, the mix of investments within that portfolio will shift automatically.

BIRTH DATE RANGE	DC COLLEGE SAVINGS PLAN PORTFOLIO
August 1, 2015 - July 31, 2018	DC College Savings 2034 Portfolio
August 1, 2012 - July 31, 2015	DC College Savings 2031 Portfolio
August 1, 2009 - July 31, 2012	DC College Savings 2028 Portfolio
August 1, 2006 - July 31, 2009	DC College Savings 2025 Portfolio
August 1, 2003 - July 31, 2006	DC College Savings 2022 Portfolio
August 1, 2000 - July 31, 2003	DC College Savings 2019 Portfolio
July 31, 2000 and earlier	DC College Savings In College Portfolio

## Individual Portfolio mapping

EXISTING PORTFOLIO	NEW PORTFOLIO
DC College Savings Ameritas Principal Plus	Principal Protected Portfolio
DC College Savings Calvert Balanced	40% Intermediate-Term Bond Portfolio 60% U.S. Large Cap Equity Portfolio
DC College Savings Calvert Equity	U.S. Large Cap Equity Portfolio
DC College Savings Calvert Income	Intermediate-Term Bond Portfolio
DC College Savings Calvert Intl Opps	Non-U.S Socially Responsible Equity Portfolio
DC College Savings Calvert Small Cap	U.S. Small Cap Equity Portfolio
DC College Savings State Street Equity 500 Index	U.S. Total Stock Market Index Portfolio

## Any automatic contributions will continue

If you currently transfer money from your bank account or through your employer to your DC College Savings Plan account on a periodic schedule, those transfers will continue automatically after the transition.

## Changing future contributions

While your existing assets will map based on the plan noted in the tables above, you can always choose any of the new investment options for each future contribution.

## Your account statement is coming soon

Shortly after the transition, you'll receive the following communications in the mail:

1. A final DC College Savings Plan statement from Calvert, which will show the closing balance in your Calvert account, along with transactions dated January 1, 2017 through March 24, 2017.
2. An opening DC College Savings Plan statement from Ascensus College Savings, which will show the opening balance in your Ascensus College Savings account.
3. A new DC College Savings Plan Program Disclosure Booklet from Ascensus College Savings.
4. A first-quarter statement from Ascensus College Savings for transactions dated March 24, 2017 through March 31, 2017.

See transition timeline on the following page for additional details on key dates and actions regarding the upcoming transition.

## Transition timeline

On Friday, March 24, 2017, your account records and assets will automatically transfer from Calvert to Ascensus College Savings. Calvert will calculate your current account balances on that day. The new investment managers will reinvest the balances into the new investment options.

You will need to register for online account access with the DC College Savings Plan after the transition and select a new username and password. Registration will be available starting at 8 a.m. ET, on Monday, March 27, 2017, at [www.dccollegesavings.com](http://www.dccollegesavings.com). Be sure to retain your existing account number in order to log on to the DC College Savings Plan after the transition. For ease of use, you will be able to use either your existing account number or your new account number to complete the web registration process. New account numbers will be mailed to you according to the timeline in the table below.

Key Dates	Considerations
Ongoing through March 24, 2017	Continue to contact the call center during normal business hours at 800.987.4859, or 800.368.2745 for non-D.C. residents, if you have any questions regarding your account.
March 1, 2017	Contributions into the plan made through a financial advisor will no longer be subject to a sales charge.
Wednesday, March 22, 2017	All contributions received in good order with a trade date of Wednesday, March 22, 2017 are processed as usual until 4 p.m. ET.
Thursday, March 23, 2017 – Friday, March 24, 2017	Transactions of any kind are no longer accepted by Calvert Investment Management, Inc. Online account access will be suspended and transactions will not be allowed via phone. Paper transactions will be forwarded to Ascensus College Savings for processing on Monday, March 27, 2017 or the business day it is received by Ascensus College Savings.
Thursday, March 23, 2017 – Monday, March 27, 2017	Automatic Contributions through a bank with debit dates of Thursday, March 23, 2017 through Monday, March 27, 2017 will be processed on Monday, March 27, 2017 using market values of Monday, March 27, 2017.
Friday, March 24, 2017 – Sunday, March 26, 2017	Accounts are transferred from Calvert Investment Management, Inc. to Ascensus College Savings. Online account transactions and maintenance will not be available.
Monday, March 27, 2017	Online account access resumes at <a href="http://dccollegesavings.com">dccollegesavings.com</a> and call center servicing resumes at 800.987.4859.
Monday, March 27, 2017	Transactions and other account change requests received in good order after 4 p.m. ET on Wednesday, March 22, 2017 will be processed by Ascensus College Savings using Monday, March 27, 2017 market values of the DC College Savings Plan's new investment options.

## Our goal: make college saving easier

We're certain you'll find that these enhancements make the DC College Savings Plan better than ever.

If you have any questions about this transition, please visit [www.dccollegesavings.com](http://www.dccollegesavings.com).

## A final word

Investing in the DC College Savings Plan is an important decision for you and your family. Please read and consider the Program Disclosure Booklet; it will be mailed to you shortly after the transition and will be available on the DC College Savings Plan website beginning March 27, 2017. It contains further details about the DC College Savings Plan enhancements (along with risks, expenses, and other important information).

If you have questions about the transition, visit [www.dccollegesavings.com](http://www.dccollegesavings.com) or call 800.987.4859 (800.368.2745 for non-DC residents).



## Important information for account owners who invest with the help of a Financial Advisor

As part of the upcoming transition, the DC College Savings Plan will no longer be offered through Financial Advisors.

At that time, your account will be converted to a direct investor account and your Financial Advisor will no longer be compensated for your contributions, nor have access to any account information. You can request that the DC College Savings Plan allow your Financial Advisor access to your new account, following the transition.

**Please check the [dccollegesavings.com](http://dccollegesavings.com) website after the transition for more information, or call 800.987.4859.**



**INVESTMENTS ARE NOT FDIC INSURED, MAY LOSE VALUE AND ARE NOT BANK GUARANTEED.**

Earnings on contributions, as well as qualified distributions, are exempt from federal income tax, and exempt from D.C. income tax for D.C. residents. For non-D.C. residents, state tax treatment of your investments in the D.C. College Savings Plan may differ from the federal tax treatment based on your state of residence. Account Owners should consult a tax advisor for more information.

**For more information on the DC College Savings Plan, please contact your financial advisor or call 800.987.4859 (800.368.2745 for non-District residents). An investor should consider the investment objectives, risks, charges, and expenses of an investment carefully before investing. The District of Columbia College Savings Trust Program Disclosure Booklet contains this and other information. Read it carefully before you invest or send money.**

**An investor should also consider, before investing, whether the investor's or designated beneficiary's home state offers any state tax or other benefits that are only available to residents of that state. An investment in another state's 529 college savings plan may not offer comparable benefits.**

The Government of the District of Columbia does not guarantee investments in the program. Investment involves risk, including possible loss of principal.

The DC College Savings Plan is underwritten and distributed by Calvert Investment Distributors Inc., member FINRA/SIPC and a subsidiary of Calvert Investments, Inc.

The Plan is administered by the District of Columbia Office of Finance and Treasury. After the transition, Ascensus College Savings Recordkeeping Services, LLC, the Program Manager, and its affiliates will have overall responsibility for the day-to-day operations, including recordkeeping and administrative services. Ascensus Investment Advisors, LLC will serve as the Investment Manager.

After the transition, the Plan's Portfolios will invest in: (i) exchange-traded funds, (ii) mutual funds and (iii) funding agreements. Interests in the Plan are municipal securities that will vary with market conditions. An investment in Plan interests is not guaranteed or insured by the Government of the District of Columbia, the District of Columbia College Savings Program Trust, the District of Columbia Chief Financial Officer, the District of Columbia Treasurer, the Trustee for the District of Columbia College Savings Program Trust or any co-fiduciary or instrumentality thereof, the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation or any instrumentality thereof, or the Program Manager or any of its affiliates.

