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## Fwd: Introducing Subject - Our Newest Partner

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The Association  
of Illinois Rural  
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Dear AIRSS Members,

We are excited to share with you this opportunity from our new partners at [Subject](#). Subject is an online learning platform offering accredited courses to help students in rural places close the education gap. In places where few or no AP courses are available, Subject has been able to offer their services to get students ready for college and beyond. Please read what they have to say about their mission and vision below, and join us in thanking them for their support of AIRSS!

Thank you,

*Dave Ardrey*

David Ardrey  
Executive Director  
Association of Illinois Rural and Small Schools

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# Subject

Our Vision & Mission

The Subject journey began in 2020 as the COVID-19 pandemic exposed long-standing issues within existing educational systems.

Access to education, and consequently the opportunity an education unlocks, is often limited by location or socioeconomic status, learners are restricted by one-size-fits-all courses, and educators and administrators lack the tools needed to make informed decisions. There is a glaring need to address these issues in a way that creates a more equitable distribution of opportunity for everyone.

**We envision a future where anyone has access to any opportunity - we're making this happen by delivering a frictionless educational platform which empowers learners, educators, and administrators.**

## Our Team

We're a team of educators and builders who share a passion to help more people get access to the education needed to unlock opportunities.

Co-founders, Felix Ruano and Michael Vilaro, have been empowered with passion, scrappiness, and the drive to leverage education to create a better life. Felix vaulted himself from the second largest public school system in the country, LAUSD, to Harvard and McKinsey, while being a founding board member education leader at the Asia Society. Michael was raised in the small Chicago suburb of Cary, IL, and matriculated as the town's first Ivy League graduate finishing his degree at UPenn followed by his MBA at UCLA Anderson with previous operating experience at Uber and Nike.

[Visit Subject's Website](#)



Learn more in this short video.



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