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OSFA News for Guidance Counselors

YOU SHOULD KNOW

OCTOBER THRU DECEMBER 2010

2011-12 NT4CM Workshops

The Florida Department of Education, Office of Student Financial Assistance is offering the NT4CM workshops for high school guidance counselors and mentors. It is not too late to register for a [workshop](#) in your area. Locations details include:

October 26, 2010
Naples
Ave Maria University

November 5, 2010
Miami
Professional Training Center

November 17, 2010
West Palm Beach
Keiser University - West Palm Beach

November 19, 2010
Weston
American International University

December 1, 2010
Ocala
Rasmussen College

December 2, 2010
Fort Pierce
Indian River State College

December 3, 2010
Tampa
Aparicio-Levy Adult Technical Center

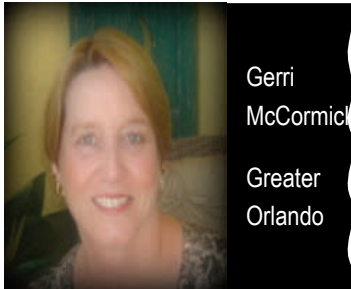
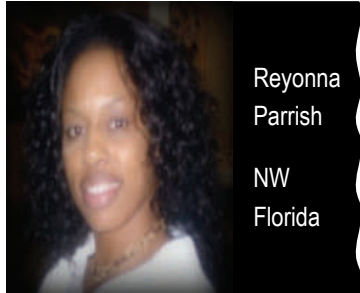
December 8, 2010
Orlando
Valencia Community College - Osceola Campus

Other Cities (Dates and Locations TBA)
Jacksonville



Who's My Rep?

The Florida Department of Education, Office of Student Financial Assistance (OSFA), would like to introduce you to our dedicated outreach staff members who are located throughout Florida. Get to know these smiling faces. They are committed to serving you and our students.



Financial Aid Nights

OSFA outreach representatives are available to assist you with providing information to your students. They welcome the opportunity to participate in your on-site high school activities, to facilitate financial aid awareness and financial literacy by providing workshops throughout the upcoming year. Please contact your OSFA [Outreach Representative](#) when planning your Financial Aid Night events.



Planning a Career Fair!

Planning and presenting a successful Career Fair for students is a great early awareness tool that can go a long way toward helping students identify their future educational and occupational goals.

Great tips include:

Timing is everything. Plan your fair so that you will receive the maximum number of visitors. High schools may wish to plan experiences and activities that initiate career choice exploration and assessment.

Marketing. Advertising is a key ingredient to ensuring your fair's success. Consider flyers, radio blast, televised public service announcements, and social networks.

Venue. Choose a location with plenty of space to ensure smooth traffic flow. Ar-

range vendors and materials in a floor plan that will promote easy movement.

Representation. Invite a variety of career representation. Register four-year universities, Florida colleges, and vocational and technical schools to accommodate all types of interests. Remember to invite representatives from the various branches of our military. Extend a warm welcome to local companies. All of these groups will welcome potentially lucrative recruiting opportunities. Get started by requesting an Outreach Representative as one of your event presenters!

Career Fairs are a great way for students to network with professionals within their fields of interests and have fun in the process.

**Great
Counselor
Resources**





Visit www.MappingYourFuture.org

Mapping Your Future provides information and tools to help you provide effective service to your students and their families, especially as they explore the avenues to higher education.

- Explore careers.
- Prepare for college.
- Save for your child's education.

- Subscribe to the Early Awareness E-News.
- Claim tax credits and deductions for education expenses.
- Research and find financial aid.

Mapping Your Future is a public-service, nonprofit organization.

Visit www.FastWeb.org

- FastWeb offers a free scholarship database that includes over 1.3 million scholarships worth over \$3 billion.
- Database sources include local, national, and college-specific scholarships.
- Search and compare detailed college

profiles on FastWeb's database.

- FastWeb's database allows you to also search for internships or part-time job openings near your home or school.
- FastWeb is recommended by more than 16,000 schools and 3,600 colleges.

OSFA Partners with the Public Broadcasting System (PBS)

Your Life, Your Money features compelling, real-life stories of young people facing and overcoming intense economic challenges. This one-hour special will empower our youth with sound, simple, financial advice - raising awareness on banking, credit, investments, budgeting, insurance, self-employment, and more.

Visit the Navigating Your Future website at www.navigatingyourfinancialfuture.org and learn more about this documentary that features Russell Simmons and is hosted by actor Donald Faison of *Scrubs*, *Clueless*, *Felicity*, and *The Law* (2009).

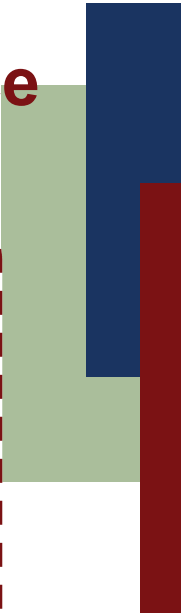




Happy Holidays!

from the

Office of Student Financial Assistance



Upcoming Calendar Dates

- October 2010 through December 2010 - Attend a NT4CM Workshop in your area.
- November 2010 - Begin scheduling now for financial aid workshops.
- December 2010 - The *2011-12 Florida Financial Aid Application* is available for high school seniors to apply for Bright Futures and other state scholarship and grant programs. Visit the Office of Student Financial Assistance (OSFA) [website](#).

Contact an OSFA Outreach Representative about your high school's needs.

The September 2010 NyFF E-News is available for your students.

Please go to the following link:

<http://tinyurl.com/24htzq8>

In this month's issue:

- School and Life Management
- Fun and Frugal Food
- Student Loan Mistakes

Navigating Your Financial Future: Free resources for students



Have you missed an issue of the OSFA News for Guidance Counselors? Visit our [archives](#) for prior editions.

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