

OSFA News For Guidance Counselors

Florida Department of Education

October to 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

December 2, 2010

Fort Pierce

Indian River State College

November 5, 2010

Miami

Professional Training Center

December 3, 2010

Tampa

Aparicio-Levy Adult Technical Center

November 17, 2010

West Palm Beach

Keiser University - West Palm Beach

December 8, 2010

Orlando

Valencia Community College - Osceola Campus

November 19, 2010

Weston

American International University

Other Cities (Dates and Locations TBA)

Jacksonville

December 1, 2010

Ocala

Rasmussen College

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.

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.

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. Arrange 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.

Visit www.FastWeb.org

- [FastWeb](http://www.FastWeb.org) 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/24htzg8>

In this month's issue:

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

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

OSFA's Outreach Team Contact information

Lori Auxier

Director of Outreach Services
561-292-6002, office/fax
Lori.Auxier@fldoe.org

Robin Blank

Outreach Representative
Greater Palm Beach/Broward
561-357-4837, office/fax
Robin.Blank@fldoe.org

Pedro "Pete" Hernandez

Outreach Representative
Northeast Florida
850-245-1821, office 850-
488-3612, fax
Pedro.Hernandez@fldoe.org

Gerri McCormick

Outreach Representative
Greater Orlando
407-207-4944, office/fax
Gerri.McCormick@fldoe.org

Reyonna Parrish

Outreach Representative
Northwest Florida
850-410-6830, office 850-
488-3612, fax
Reyonna.Parrish@fldoe.org

Stephanie Rosh

Outreach Representative
Greater Tampa
727-738-6498, office
N/A, fax
Stephanie.Rosh@fldoe.org

(TBA) - Contact Lori Auxier

Outreach Representative
South Florida
305-265-8665, office/fax
Lori.Auxier@fldoe.org

Jan Smith

Manager of Outreach Services
850-245-1822, office
850-488-3612, fax
Jan.Smith@fldoe.org

Contact OSFA

Toll-free Federal Loans: 1-800-366-3475
Locally Federal Loans: 1-850-410-5200
E-mail: OSFAStudentLoans@fldoe.org
Toll-free State Programs: 1-888-827-2004
E-mail: OSFA@fldoe.org
Visit our [website!](#)