

# **OSFA News For Guidance Counselors**

*Florida Department of Education*

April thru June

2011

## **Navigating Your Financial Future (NyFF) Audio Presentations**

We are in the home stretch toward the end of this academic year! Spring break is over, proms are in full swing, and Senior Class trips are ahead for the graduating class of 2011. During these rights of passage, it is our job to help the students stay focused on important goals - that is finishing strong in high school and preparing for their future endeavors.

For students moving on to higher education, the Navigating Your Financial Future (NyFF) website has several [audio presentations](#) to remind students of important information and deadlines. Choose from:

- The Overview of Financial Aid
- Managing Your Credit
- Managing Your Budget
- School and Life Management

Great resources are just a click away.

# Florida Department of Education (FLDOE)

## Social Media Presence!

The FLDOE, Office of Communications and External Affairs, is proud to announce the launch of the official social media presence! Our new out-reach methods include:

A Department of Education [Facebook page](#)

A Department of Education [Twitter account](#)

A Department of Education [blog](#)

FLDOE has launched these new outreach resources to improve the frequency and quality of our communication with Floridians throughout the state. We have already accumulated over 525 followers on Facebook, more than 200 followers on Twitter, and have logged more than 2,000 views across our blogs.

FLDOE is confident these new outreach techniques will provide worthwhile resources for Florida students, parents, educators, guidance counselors, and mentors.

## Preparing for College Checklist

The Navigating Your Financial Future website is linked to valuable resources such as the *Preparing for College Checklist*, available for your middle school and high school students. This is a checklist to insert with student's progress reports and final report cards! To learn more [click here](#).

**Gas is expensive - campus tours don't have to be.**

**Virtual tours allows your students to visit various college campuses without leaving their seats!**

**OSFA is serious about working with  
high schools & community-based organizations to  
educate students about financial aid.**

**From January - February 2011,  
we held 146 workshops  
with over 12,000 attendees.  
We're still counting!**

## **Important Numbers To Know**

**Federal Student Aid .....800-433-3243**  
**Federal Ombudsman’s Office .....877-557-2575**  
**Florida Bright Futures .....888-827-2004**  
**FL Department of Education, OSFA..... 888-366-3475**  
**Florida Pre-Paid ..... 800-522-4723**  
**U.S. Department of Education.....800-872-5327**

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**Use the last four lines to jot down numbers specific to your needs, such as:**

**District School Board**

**Lender Contact Information**

**Scholarship Contacts,**

**OSFA Outreach Representative**

**Make this available to your students as a quick reference contact sheet.**

## Upcoming Calendar Dates

- April 2011– The 2010-2011 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) is required for students who are attending summer school and seeking need-based aid. Students should consult postsecondary institutions for additional requirements.
- May 2011 - Remind students to submit their volunteer hours to their guidance counselor.
- Students should apply for Bright Futures before high school graduation.

Contact an [OSFA Outreach Representative](#) about your high school's needs.  
We'll be glad to help!

## The April 2011 NyFF E-News is available for your students

April is Financial Literacy Month

Roth IRAs

Summer Sessions

Exit Counseling

To read the full length newsletter click [NyFF](#). Select Current E-News! Follow the link to [subscribe](#).

***Have you missed an issue of the  
OSFA News for Guidance Counselors?***

***You may visit the [archives](#) for prior editions.  
Feel free to share our updates with faculty peers!***

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