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YOU SHOULD KNOW

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Getting to Know Your OSFA Outreach Team!

As most of you know, the Office of Student Financial Assistance (OSFA) has an outstanding team of representatives whose purpose is to educate, train, and to provide support to educational facilities, civic organizations, and our society at large. What you may not know is how much experience the power team of eight has among them.

Did you know the outreach team has over 108 years of working within the financial aid industry? The team has spent the majority of their professional and personal lives dedicated to sharing information and providing training for college readiness and financial well-being.

Did you know the outreach team has worked in secondary education for 19 years? The team sympathizes with what you face as professionals. It is our driving force to bridge the gap between high school and college success.



“For the 2011-12 academic year, OSFA supplied nearly \$580M dollars in grants/scholarships in an effort to help students achieve their higher education goals and dreams. I truly love what we do!”

- Lori

Getting to Know continued...

Did you know the outreach team has over 61 years of working within a college, university or technical institution? This kind of experience allows for a first hand view of the impact that early awareness has made on students as they transition from high school to college. The team is acutely aware of the long term impact that effective training provides and the need to identify available resources.

Did you know the Outreach Team has over 46.5 years of working within a financial institution? One of the team's key focus, fiscal responsibility, is achieved by providing financial literacy training. OSFA's team is composed of professionals with strengths in varying backgrounds, so we use these strengths to brainstorm ways for our consumers to benefit from the most effective products and services.

Did you know nearly all of our team members, and some of their dependents, have been through the financial aid process themselves? The team understands the importance of learning financial aid information from varying viewpoints; e.g., student, parent, and education professionals. We bring these experiences with us to every event and training, keeping in mind we were once in the same position.

The Outreach Team is committed to providing the utmost assistance with a broad range of products and services. We have passion for what we do because we want to see everyone realize their goals.

Visit our [regional assignment](#) on the NyFF website to locate your dedicated Outreach Representative.

“I love assisting students fulfill their dream of higher education. This is my passion!!”

- Gerri



Financial Aid Wisdom

Fastweb, one of the leaders in promotion of postsecondary attainment, has created an eight-page quick reference guide that provides helpful tips on how to successfully pay for college. It includes tips about:

- ◆ saving for college
- ◆ scholarships
- ◆ the *Free Application for Federal Student Aid* (FAFSA)
- ◆ negotiation and professional judgment
- ◆ comparing financial aid award letters
- ◆ financial aid equations
- ◆ student loans
- ◆ consolidating student loans

“I love helping people understand financial aid and realizing their dreams / goals of attaining a higher education.”

- Pedro

Visit the [link](#) on the Fastweb site for the guide and additional information.

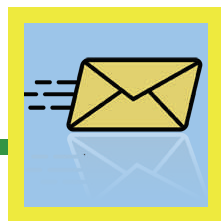




We Want Mail!

As secondary professionals, counselors have one of the hardest jobs of ensuring student are college ready. The Office of Student Financial Assistance, Outreach team wants to make sure you have the resources you need to prepare your students for what life has ahead for them. This is why this industry newsletter has been targeted toward what you need to know.

In order to better serve you, the team would appreciate feedback about what you would like to see in upcoming issues. Your voice is important to the success of Florida's students. Feel free to send us your comments by clicking on the envelope below .



“It is very rewarding knowing you’re helping students and families!”

-Robin



Early Awareness

New Academic Year!

New Faces!

New Opportunity for Early Awareness!

Contact your Florida Department of Education, [Outreach Representative](#) about offering one of our many presentations during your College Nights, Financial Aid Events and Career Fairs.



“I enjoy assisting others to meet their goals in life.”

- Isabel



“I discovered the industry by chance and stay because I love it! It’s a great avenue to help people realize their dreams. We are in the business of building people.”

-Reyonna



Florida
Bright
Futures
Scholarship Program

The Florida Department of Education wishes to thank every secondary administrator who was instrumental in mentoring Florida's students for a promising future.

Job Well Done!

“I enjoy providing information to students and families... post secondary education is accessible to everyone.”

- Stephanie

Coming Soon!

Courtesy of

▶ Florida Department of Education

National Training for Counselors and Mentors (NT4CM) Workshops



I love working with students and parents – helping them navigate through the financial aid process and taking the fear out of it.

People are overwhelmed and serving on the Outreach Team is a way to make a difference in people's lives!

-Jan

**Free
Training!**

Watch the OSA [training website](#) for updates.

Upcoming Calendar Dates

- August 2012 – Welcome back students! Begin planning for your Financial Aid Nights for college bound students. Let us help!
- September 2012 – Encourage your students to earn community service hours for Bright Futures eligibility.

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

The NyFF E-News is available for your students.

Sign up here to receive E-News updates and other important financial aid industry information.

This month's issue addresses important topics like:

- Renting or Buying
 - ◇ Housing
 - ◇ Textbooks
 - ◇ Furnishings



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

You may visit our archives for prior editions.

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