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OSFA News

for

School Counselors

YOU SHOULD KNOW

OCTOBER — DECEMBER 2013

Registration Available for National Training for Counselors and Mentors (NT4CM) Workshops

National Training for Counselors and Mentors (NT4CM) is a program that provides free training and support for counselors and mentors who assist students and their families in preparing financially for college.

NT4CM is available for any individual who advises students and their families on how to fund education beyond high school.

The Florida Department of Education, Office of Student Financial Assistance Outreach Representatives provide NT4CM workshops throughout Florida. This team of professional trainers provides comprehensive, up-to-date information regarding federal and state student-aid programs, scholarship searches, and financial aid

fraud. Workshop participants learn to access free resources, such as fact sheets, brochures, and PowerPoint presentations to help them assist their students.

NT4CM is sponsored by Federal Student Aid (FSA), the National Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators (NASFAA), the National Council of Higher Education Resources (NCHER), the National Association for College Admission Counseling (NACAC), the American School Counselor Association (ASCA), the National College Access Network (NCAN), the Florida Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators (FASFAA) and the Council for Opportunity in Education (COE).

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National Training for Counselors and Mentors (NT4CM) Workshops

October 25, 2013

Ave Maria University
5050 Ave Maria Boulevard
Building 3 - Paul M. Henkels
Academic Building
Auditorium
Ave Maria, FL 34142
239-280-1669

Start Time: 8:30 a.m.
Breakfast and lunch will be provided by Ave Maria University.

Driving Directions

November 8, 2013

University of West Florida
11000 University Parkway
University Commons Conference
Center, Building 22
Rooms B & C
Pensacola, FL 32514
850-474-2607

Start Time: 8:30 a.m. Onsite registration opens at 8:00 a.m.
Coffee and water will be provided by the University of West Florida.

Driving Directions

November 15, 2013

Keiser University
1640 SW 145th Avenue
Pembroke Pines, FL 33027
954-431-4300

Start Time: 8:30 a.m. Onsite registration opens at 8:00 a.m.
No refreshments will be provided.

Driving Directions

November 19, 2013

Valencia Community College -
West Campus
1800 S. Kirkman Road
Building 8-111
Orlando, FL 32811
407-299-5000

Start Time: 8:30 a.m.
No refreshments will be provided.

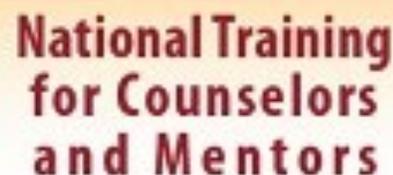
Driving Directions

December 6, 2013

Keiser University - Doral
2101 NW 117th Avenue
Miami, FL 33172
305-596-2226

Start Time: 8:00 a.m.
Breakfast and lunch will be provided by Keiser University.

Driving Directions



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Beyond High School



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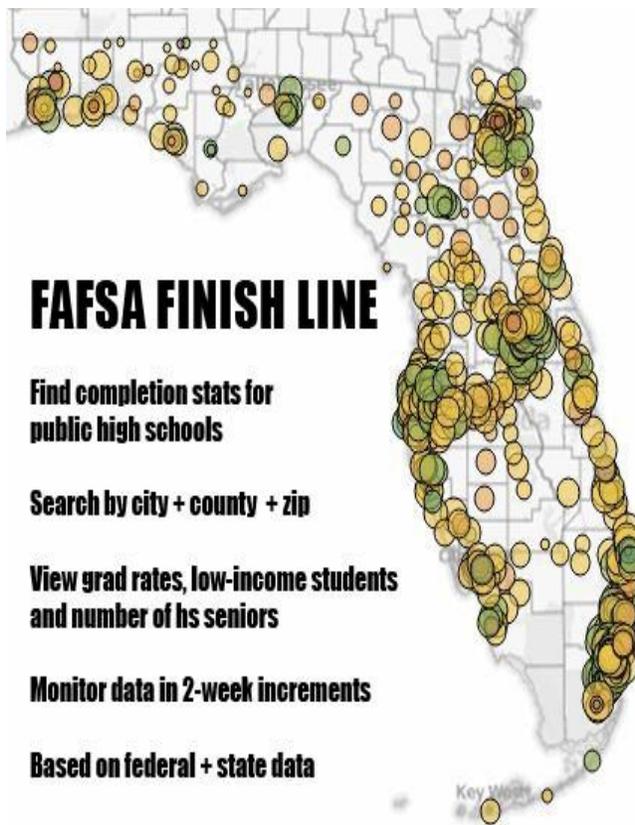


Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)

Completion Tool

This month the Florida College Access Network (FCAN) released a helpful tool that allows individuals to see the graduation rates, the percentage of students receiving free or reduced lunches, and [FAFSA completion rates](#) for graduating seniors in a specific school.

Counselors are encouraged to use this tool to see the percentage of students who actually complete the FAFSA for consideration of Financial Aid. Upon review of your school's data, make a commitment to increase the number of completed applications at your school. Contact your OSFA [Outreach Representative](#) for assistance with achieving this goal.



CGS!Florida



Become a Volunteer College Goal Sunday February 22-23, 2014!



Available positions:

- **Set-Up Support**
- **Registration Clerk**
- **Answer FAFSA Questions**
- **Translation**
- **Site Greeters and Guides**
- **Clean Up Support**

Visit navigatingyourfuture.org for more details .

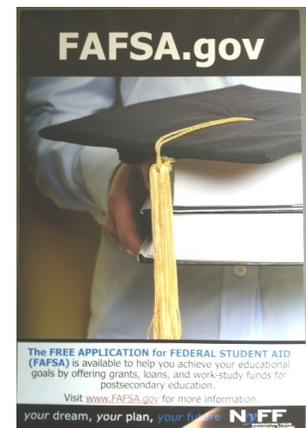


New NyFF Products

The Office of Student Financial Assistance Outreach Team announces three new Navigating Your Financial Future (NyFF) products.

- ◆ FAFSA.gov Poster
- ◆ Florida Bright Futures Scholarship Tri-fold Pamphlet
- ◆ Florida Virtual Campus Bookmark

Visit Navigating Your Financial Future (NyFF) to place your order or contact your regionally assigned Outreach Representative for more information about using these products.



Upcoming State Holidays

The Office of Student Financial Assistance observes the following state holidays for the remainder of the year. Please keep these dates in mind when scheduling your high school events.

- ◆ Veterans Day, Monday, 11/11/13
- ◆ Thanksgiving Holiday, Thursday and Friday, 11/28/13 - 11/29/13
- ◆ Christmas Day, Wednesday, 12/25/13



Upcoming Calendar Dates

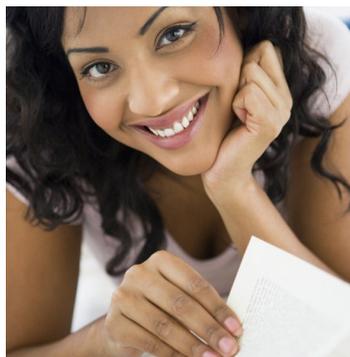
- October 2013 – College Fairs, Senior Nights, and Financial Aid Nights are being conducted throughout the State of Florida. Schedule yours now!
- November 2013 – Encourage your students to participate in volunteer opportunities and earn community services hours that can be used toward Florida Bright Futures Scholarship initial eligibility.
- **December 1, 2013 - 2014-15 Florida Financial Aid Application will be available to high school seniors.**

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

The 2013 NyFF E-News is available for your students.

In September's E-News issue:

- School and Life Management
- Ways to Save Money on Campus



Just visit [September 2013 Financial Aid Focus for Students!](#)

You may also visit www.NavigatingYourFuture.org and select "Current E-News" to access this vital information.

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

You may visit our archives for prior editions.

Feel free to share our updates with faculty peers!

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