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Parent Nights

As juniors and seniors prepare for opportunities beyond high school, many counselors realize that parents need assistance with the transition process as well. Just because a student says he/she knows how to apply for admissions or financial aid doesn't necessarily mean the information is correct or that parents are in the loop.

October and November are great months to consider hosting a parent night to discuss the basics of what should be happening in the senior year of high school. Items that should be covered include:

- Admissions application due dates
- Financial aid applications for state/federal/institutional aid
- Requirements for the Bright Futures Scholarship Program
- How to understand and compare a financial aid award package
- Where to find help

Need help planning this event? The [Financial Aid Night Toolkit](#) is a great template for hosting an informative evening with parents and students. Be sure to check it out.

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENTS



NT4CM REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN!

The National Training for Counselors and Mentors (NT4CM) is an event you do not want to miss! This day of training will cover important topics that include:

- Federal and state financial aid options
- Explanation of the expected family contribution
- Counseling undocumented students
- Searching for scholarships
- Resources for you

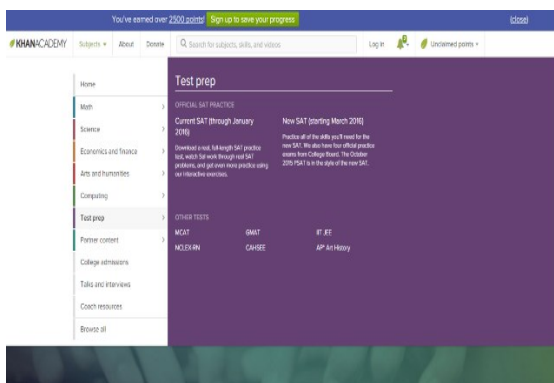
Go to <https://www.osfaffelp.org/osfatraining/> to register for an event near you. There is no charge for this service.



Khan Academy

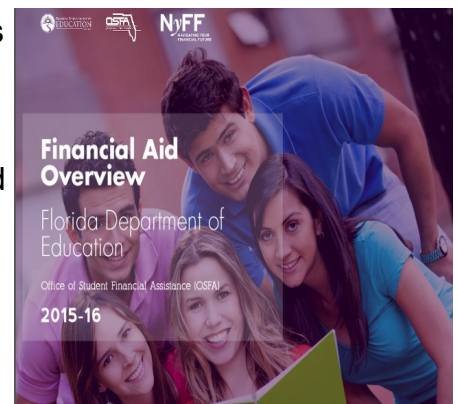
Many of you may know Khan Academy as the free learning portal for various subjects. The latest venture includes partnering with College Board to provide free practice for the SAT exams. This is great news for students. Practice questions are provided for the SAT exam that will be phased out in January as well as for the new SAT exam that begins in March of 2016.

Go to <https://www.khanacademy.org/> to learn more.



New Financial Aid 2015-16 Audio Presentation Available

Consider placing our new presentation **Financial Aid 2015-16** on your school's website for parents and students who are unable to attend your high school night. It is a great way to get current information disseminated in a creative presentation that covers the basics of financial aid, federal options, state grants and scholarships, and other resources to aid in funding higher education. Preview the presentation at the following link:



www.NavigatingYourFinancialFuture.org/Audio_Presentation.aspx

(Note: Please use the Flash version if the PDF version does not play promptly.)

Brochures, Posters, and Bookmarks... OH MY!

It's that time of year to stock up on Navigating Your Financial Future's publications for your parent nights, student sessions and office resources. Place an order through the website www.NavigatingYourFuture.org. Select the RESOURCES tab to access the online order form OR use your smart phone to scan this code to go directly to the order form.



Financial Aid Night favorites

- Seeking Financial Aid
- Searching For Scholarships
- Bright Futures
- FAFSA poster

Financial Literacy favorites

- Financial Literacy poster
- Managing Your Budget
- Managing Your Credit
- Repayment of Your Student Loan Debt
- School and Life Management
- Career Planning



The Bright Futures Student Handbook is a great resource for you to refer students and parents.

The Bright Futures Student Handbook has been divided into three

separate chapters written specifically for each stage of a student's life in this scholarship program:

- Initial Eligibility Requirements
- Information to Know Now That You Are Eligible
- Renewing Your Award

To view each chapter, please visit

<http://www.FloridaStudentFinancialAid.org/SSFAD/bf/bfmain.htm>



Monthly E-News for Students

The October issue of the monthly E-News for Students is now available.

Print, download or e-mail this financial well-being newsletter monthly as an additional resource for your students.

The E-News provides important information pertaining to preparing for college access:

- Scholarship Searches
- State Scholarships and Grants
- Money Management Tips

Visit

www.NavigatingYourFuture.org and select the RESOURCES tab to locate online publications available for you.



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

NT4CM October Events:

October 19, 2015
Pinellas County
Seminole Community Library
8:00 A.M. - 2:15 P.M.
[Driving Directions](#)

October 26, 2015
Jacksonville, Florida
FSCJ, Downtown– Advanced Technology Center
8:00 A.M. - 2:15 P.M.
[Driving Directions](#)

October 30, 2015
Miami, Florida
Keiser University - Doral
8:00 A.M. - 2:15 P.M.
[Driving Directions](#)

Florida School Counselors Conference:

October 22 – October 24, 2015
Orlando, Florida
Doubletree (by SeaWorld)

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THE OSFA PHILOSOPHY



The Office of Student Financial Assistance (OSFA) has the ability to offer its partners and customers something few public agencies can, the ability to shape OSFA programs and services based on their specific needs and concerns. OSFA provides financial aid workshops, publications, prompt services for participants, and helps fund scholarship and grant programs. If a participant has a problem or suggestion, the OSFA management team listens and makes every effort to implement a solution that meets their needs. Public dollars deserve the kind of accountability OSFA provides in financing education.

The News to Know for Counselors is now available on the Counselors page of the website www.FloridaStudentFinancialAid.org. Previous editions may be viewed on the [Archives](#) page.

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Toll-free State Programs: 1-888-827-2004

E-mail: OSFA@fldoe.org

Toll-free Federal Loans: 1-800-366-3475

Locally: 850-410-5200

**[Click here](#) to contact
an OSFA Outreach
Representative about
your school's needs.**