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CONGRATULATIONS!

On January 3, 2008, the Florida Department of Education, Office of Student Financial Assistance (OSFA) had the pleasure of hiring Reyonna Parrish to serve as the Region I OSFA Outreach Representative. For more than seven years, Reyonna has been an instrumental part of the Outreach Team, assisting Florida's students in their pursuit of higher education. While we are sad to see her go, we are proud of her as she begins this new opportunity at Florida State University (FSU) as the Assistant Director of Academics and Student Services.

On her last day at OSFA, we honored Reyonna with a small going-away party, and presented her with an award thanking her for her service.

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENTS



2015-2016 Interest Rates

⇒ Direct Subsidized Loans (Undergraduate)	4.29%
⇒ Direct Unsubsidized Loans (Undergraduate)	4.29%
⇒ Direct Unsubsidized Loans (Graduate or Professional)	5.84%
⇒ Direct PLUS Loans (Parents)	6.84%
⇒ Direct PLUS Loans (Graduate or Professional)	6.84%

150% Direct Subsidized Loan Limit Information

For a comprehensive list of *Dear Colleague Letters* and *Electronic Announcements* in relation to the 150% rule, click [here](#).

National Training for Counselors and Mentors (NT4CM)

The OSFA Outreach Team is currently planning the Fall NT4CM Tour. If your institution is interested in hosting one of these FREE workshops, geared toward counselors and mentors, please contact your OSFA Outreach Representative today! To learn more about NT4CM, please visit the Federal Student Aid [website](#).

Mapping Your Future (MYF)

Through OSFA's sponsorship, MYF has a variety of free products and services that are available to assist you in serving your students. To learn more about MYF and how they can help you, please visit their [website](#) or contact your OSFA Outreach Representative.

Save the Dates!

⇒ FASFAA Clock Hour Workshop	Orlando, FL	October 5 - 7
⇒ FSA Conference	Las Vegas, NV	December 1 - 4

Watch your email for:

⇒ FASFAA New Aid Officer Workshop	TBD	October (TBD)
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AUGUST EVENTS

- ⇒ Bright Futures eligibility results posted to institution's Master Eligibility List
- ⇒ Term I program funds sent to eligible institutions
- ⇒ Loan Volume Report due 9/1/15 (see 7/20/15 memorandum)

Resource of the Month

[New FSA ID Has Replaced Federal Student Aid PIN](#)

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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.

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needs.*