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Legislative Updates

The final budget for the state of Florida has not been signed by the governor. We will send out communication over the summer to convey the latest information and how it may impact your students in the 2018-19 school year.

Please check your email periodically as the summer months progress. Updates may also be found on OSFA's website located at www.FloridaStudentFinancialAid.org. Select the State Grants & Scholarships tab and read about the changes under the "What's New" section.

Missed an issue of the News To Know? Please visit our website and check out the [archives](#) to see important information from previous issues.



Reorganization

The Department of Education, Office of Student Financial Assistance (OSFA) would like to recognize and sincerely thank each individual Outreach team member for their relentless dedication in being proactive and innovative while serving schools, students and families in spite of the ever-changing financial aid landscape in which we exist.

With these ongoing shifts in the industry, OSFA is announcing that we are reorganizing the Outreach Services unit by centralizing its operations to Tallahassee. This centralization of staff involves saying goodbye to part of our OSFA family. We hope that you will take this time to communicate your appreciation to the following Outreach representatives as they embark on a new chapter in their professional lives:

Lori Auxier (who stepped down from OSFA about a month ago), Robin Pernice, Gerri McCormick, Stephanie Rosh and Isabel Acevedo.

Beginning June 1, Pedro (Pete) Hernandez and Jan Smith will be the central contacts for the new Outreach services. We will communicate with you in the upcoming weeks regarding the new structure of the Outreach services. Thank you for your patience and understanding as we complete the reorganization process.

You may reach Pete, Jan, Lou Anne or Levis via phone or email.

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Be sure to check out FASFAA's website (www.fasfaa.org) to view the:

- **Spring 2017 Newsletter**
- **Download annual conference presentations**
- **Results of the annual FASFAA election**





Dates to Note

June Reminders:

- ⇒ Submit the Institution Renewal Application (due June 6)
- ⇒ Submit Grade and Hours report (due 30 days after end of spring term, no later than June 30)
- ⇒ Term 2 Refunds/Reconciliation (due 60 days after last day of drop/add for that term)

Upcoming Events:

- ⇒ June 19-24: SASFAA New Aid Officers Workshop, Jacksonville, Alabama
- ⇒ June 26-29: NASFAA Annual Conference, San Diego, California
- ⇒ July 1: New academic fiscal year begins for state scholarship and grant programs



Together we are better!

When we all work together for the common goal of helping students succeed in life after high school, amazing things can happen!

We look forward to bringing key people together to help a student make informed decisions about their educational and financial future:

- ◆ Parents
- ◆ School Counselors
- ◆ Postsecondary Financial Aid staff
- ◆ OSFA's Outreach Services



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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