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TN Legislative Update

The first term of the 106th General Assembly will convene January 13, 2009. TSAC staff will monitor legislative bills introduced to the Tennessee General Assembly relative to postsecondary financial assistance, including TSAC's grants, scholarships, and loan programs.

To date, one bill of interest has been filed, House Bill (HB) 0006 that proposes the "TEL (Tennessee Education Lottery) Financial Assistance Grant." As introduced, the bill would require the student to meet all non-academic requirements for the TELS scholarship and be eligible for

a PELL grant, demonstrating financial need.

To view the full details of a bill, you may do so by going to the Tennessee General Assembly website at <http://www.legislature.state.tn.us>, and click on the Legislation link. Instructions for viewing general information for the bill, and the bill itself, are provided to assist you.



TSAC Welcomes New Collections Manager

Beginning January 5, 2009, TSAC will have a new Collections Manager. Debra L. Moore will join the TSAC staff in the Loan Administration Division. Ms. Moore has over 20 years of experience in the field of student loans with SunTrust Education Lending.

She will lead TSAC's efforts at revitalizing a collection strategy to increase collection dollars to the agency. She will be the key contact person who will be communicating with borrowers regarding accounts, collection efforts, payments, hearings, and exceptions. We are glad to have Debra join the TSAC team in 2009.

TEACH Grant Exit Counseling

Mapping Your Future released TEACH (Teacher Education Assistance for College and Higher Education) grant exit counseling within the Online Student Loan Counseling (OSLC) program.

This counseling session provides information about the terms and conditions of a TEACH Grant service agreement, as well as the rights and responsibilities that apply if the TEACH grant is converted to a loan.

To check out the TEACH Grant exit counseling from the student perspective, follow these steps:

1. Go to the Mapping Your Future home page at www.mappingyourfuture.org
2. Click the “complete Online Student Loan Counseling” link on the left side of the page
3. Select “TEACH Grant exit counseling”
4. Choose Texas as your state
5. Select MYF Demo School as your school

Schools that already have existing OSLC accounts and would like to add TEACH Grant exit counseling to their participation categories should contact Mapping Your Future customer care staff at feedback@mappingyourfuture.org. If your school does not have an account, you can complete the school submission form at mappingyourfuture.org/oslc/schoolsignup.cfm to request participation.

OSLC is a free service, provided by TSAC and other guaranty agencies from around the country that co-sponsor Mapping Your Future. All of the counseling sessions are guarantor and lender neutral.

Welcome Back to Janise Powell



Approximately 6 months ago, Janise Powell, left TSAC to pursue other professional opportunities, but this month, we welcome her back to the Call Center team in her previous position as a Student Assistance Information Specialist.

Janise can assist you in the TSAC Call Center, Monday through Friday, from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. The number to reach a call center staff member is (615) 741-1346 or (800) 342-1663. You can also log onto the TSAC website at www.TN.gov/collegepays, select LIVE CHAT and instant message with a Student Assistance Information Specialist. The email address is TSACAidInfo@state.tn.us if you would like to send an email as well.

TSAC Website Address Changes

TSAC’s website address has changed. The new address is www.TN.gov/collegepays. The website address is case sensitive. Students, parents, and financial aid administrators who use the old TSAC website address which is printed on all publications during 2007-2008 will be automatically directed to the new website. However, anytime you need to include the TSAC website address in your handouts or publications, please include the new website address. If you have any questions, please contact Diane LeJeune in the office of Communication Services at (615) 741-1346.



Your help is needed to spread the word about the 2009 College Goal Sunday Program in Tennessee. We have flyers, posters, and brochures that you can distribute to schools, businesses, churches, and other organizations in your community. You may request any amount of materials by contacting Sarah Milam. You can contact her by email at sarah.milam@state.tn.us or by telephone at (615) 253-7461.

In other news, the 2009 CGS website has a new look and a new web address at www.TN.gov/collegegoalsunday. For a short time, we will maintain a re-direct from the old web address to the new one. Volunteers are needed to staff the sites and we encourage you to go to the website to register as soon as possible. Likewise, students and parents are asked to go to the website as well and reserve their spot at a CGS site that is located closest to where they live.

**NEW COLLEGE GOAL SUNDAY WEBSITE ADDRESS:
www.TN.gov/collegegoalsunday**

2009 College Goal Sunday Locations

ATHENS TN Tech Center	COLUMBIA Columbia State CC	GALLATIN Volunteer State CC	MCKENZIE TN Tech Center	NASHVILLE Tennessee State Univ. Avon Williams Watkins Coll. of A&D
BLOUNTVILLE Northeast State CC	COOKEVILLE Tennessee Tech Univ.	GREENEVILLE Tusculum College	MCMINNVILLE TN Tech Center	OAK RIDGE Roane State CC Oak Ridge Campus
BRISTOL National College	COVINGTON TN Tech Center	HARROGATE Lincoln Memorial U.	MEMPHIS Lemoyne Owen Coll. Southwest TN CC Macon Cove Campus	WAVERLY Nashville St. Tech CC Waverly Campus
CHATTANOOGA Chattanooga State CC	CRUMP TN Tech Center	JACKSON Lambuth University	WHITE STATION HIGH TN Tech Center White Station High	WHITEVILLE TN Tech Center
CLARKSVILLE Austin Peay State Univ.	DECATURVILLE Riverside High	LYNCHBURG Motlow State CC	MILLIGAN Milligan College	
CLEVELAND Cleveland State CC	DYERSBURG Dyersburg State CC	KNOXVILLE Pellissippi State CC Johnson Bible College	MURFREESBORO Middle TN State Univ.	
CLIFTON Columbia State Clifton Campus	EVENSVILLE Rhea County High	LEBANON Cumberland University		

Meet Jason Seay: Director of Outreach



If you have already met Jason Seay, TSAC’s Director of Outreach, then you know that he is from Kentucky, and more specifically Todd County. He grew up in Elkton a town of 2,000 about 20 miles north of Clarksville, TN with his mom and dad. Jason was highly influenced by his grandfather, Jack Davis (Granddaddy) who was a great role model.

Jason came to TSAC nearly three years ago as an Outreach Specialist for the Middle Tennessee region. He initially found an interest in working in Higher Education when he was a university ambassador or Spirit Master as it was called, for Western Kentucky University. Jason communicates that his favorite part of working at TSAC is “working with parents and students, especially first generation college students like myself!”

Jason is a very busy guy. He spends time in all 5 TSAC regions of the state on a regular basis and every week he gives Financial Aid presentations when an Outreach Specialist already has a commitment.

Jason married his college sweetheart, Pamela just a little over three years ago. They spend a lot of time visiting with family and friends back in KY. Jason loves to watch college and pro football, basketball, and baseball; he **BLEEDS BLUE!** He also loves to grill on his “Big Green Egg.”

Jason has a passion for helping TN students attend college. He loves to find answers to questions and give helpful advice to students and parents. He is very active in College Access activities across Tennessee.

Comments from Jason:

Knowing that what we do here at TSAC impacts the lives of so many in this great state, makes it easy to roll out of bed every day.



Please join us in congratulating **Darolyn Porter** on reaching her 30 year service anniversary with the State of Tennessee in the field of Financial Aid with TSAC and Austin Peay State University.

Early High School Graduate Reminder

Please check your institution’s listing of new students in the spring semester for early high school graduates enrolled at your school. The e*GRandS system may not contain the qualifying high school information (GPA or ACT/SAT score) in order to establish eligibility for the **HOPE Scholarship or HOPE Access Grant**. If you have questions about these students, please contact Robert Biggers at robert.biggers@state.tn.us.