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New Grant & Scholarship Director Named

Leah Louallen has been promoted to the position of Director of Grant & Scholarship Programs at TSAC and she began in this position May 1st.

Mrs. Louallen has over 15 years of experience in working in financial aid at Nashville State Community College with Federal, State and Institutional Aid programs. Leah is involved with TASFAA as well and each year she accepts a leader-



ship role within the state's financial aid organization.

Leah will assume responsibility for supervision of the TSAA, Dependent Children Scholarship, Minority Teaching Fellows, Tennessee Teaching Scholars, Ned McWherter Scholars, Christa McAuliffe, and Graduate Nursing programs. Her new phone number will be 615. 253.7478. You may also contact her via email at leah.louallen@tn.gov.

Priscilla DuPree Retiring This Month

After 32 years of service to TSAC, Tennessee college students, and the financial aid community, Priscilla DuPree will be retiring on May 30, 2014. Priscilla has made a significant contribution to the lives of so many students and to the state of Tennessee. She will be missed at TSAC and in the student financial aid community.

A retirement reception will be held on May 16th at 1:30 p.m. at Parkway Towers in downtown Nashville. Please join us as we celebrate Priscilla's contribution to TSAC and to student financial aid.



FINANCIAL AID INFORMATION

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2014 Legislative Update

The 2014 session of the 108th Tennessee General Assembly has adjourned. As discussed at the TSAC Update at TASFAA, SB 2471/HB 2491 which enacts the Tennessee Promise Scholarship was up for consideration in the final few days of the session. The bill passed overwhelmingly in both chambers and will now be sent to the governor for signature. Legislator comments on the bill in both chambers indicated that this legislation is historic and is a tremendous step in the right direction for the Drive to 55.

Two other bills, SB 1905/HB 1876 and SB 1778/HB1500, were also passed by both chambers. SB 1905/HB 1876 allows students with intellectual disabilities who are enrolled in the second year of a two-year program to receive the STEP UP Scholarship. The enacting legislation passed last year for the STEP UP Scholarship initially omitted these students and now they will be eligible to receive the award for the current academic year.

SB 1778/HB 1500 allows high school students who attend an out-of-state boarding school accredited by the National Association of Independent Schools Commission on Accreditation to qualify for the HOPE Scholarship. Traditionally, students were required to attend a regionally accredited out-of-state boarding school to qualify for the HOPE Scholarship. This change will be effective beginning in the 2014-15 academic year.

SB 1597/HB 1457 which would have established the Tennessee Come Back for Your Future Scholarship died in committee. The program would have provided awards to returning students who required less than 30 hours to earn an associate degree or less than 60 hours to earn a baccalaureate degree. The bill received consideration but ultimately it was determined that excess lottery funds were unavailable to fund the program. Finally, SB 1927/HB 1848 which would have created a loan forgiveness program called the Tennessee Rural Teachers Scholarship was tabled in the last few days.

If you have questions about the bills mentioned above or any other proposed legislation, please contact Tim Phelps at 615.253.7441 or by email at tim.phelps@tn.gov.



10th Anniversary of the TN Education Lottery



Tim Phelps and Rebecca Hargrove are shown with the resolution that was presented to the Tennessee Education Lottery Corporation at the TASFAA conference. Mrs. Hargrove accepted the resolution at the TASFAA conference recognizing the 10th anniversary of the Tennessee Education Lottery Scholarship Programs. TASFAA recognized the support of the Tennessee Lottery funds that have awarded over \$2.3 billion dollars to almost 400,000 students.

