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Who We Are

non-profit sister

Founded in 1978 as private,

organizations, North Texas Higher Education Authority,

Inc. (NTHEA) and Higher

Corporation (HESC) have

student access to higher

worked persistently to ensure

education by assisting lenders

throughout Texas to provide

billions of dollars in loans

through the Federal Family

(FFELP), donating hundreds of

thousands of dollars worth of scholarships to schools, providing industry leading

Education Loan Program

repayment benefits to borrowers, and, over the last

decade, administering over

600 college preparation and

100,000 students and parents

throughout Texas. See "Our

Services" to learn more about

expansion of our outreach

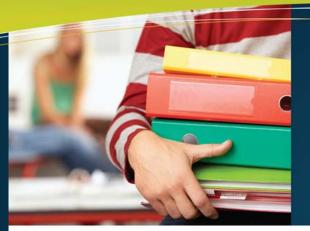
financial literacy outreach

programs to more than

our future goals, the

Education Servicing

Higher Ed Connection A community outreach service provided by Higher Education Servicing Corp.



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Discover the FAFSA: The ticket to financial aid¹

Courtesy of Adventures in Education

Going to college is widely regarded as one of the best decisions you can make.

A college education can help open doors to an exciting career and increase your earning potential. Recent Bureau of Labor statistics show that people who earn a bachelor's degree earn on average about \$20,000 more each year compared to people who did not get more education after graduating high school. That's partly because the best paying and fastest growing jobs today require a college degree.

But how to pay for college? That's a real challenge and for many students, financial aid is a necessity. The good news is that financial aid is available to everyone, whether in the form of grants, loans, or work-study programs, to help you pay for your college education.

Where to begin? With the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA), otherwise known as "The Form You Prepare So That Schools Can Determine Your Need For Student Financial Aid."

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Additional Articles of Interest

Report Shows High School Graduates enter College Unprepared Courtesy of eSchool News

Reasons Why Students Do Not File the FAFSA

Courtesy of Mark Kantrowitz, Publisher of Fastweb.com & FinAid.org

Next Generation Learning 2

Courtesy of the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation

Proposed State Budget Cuts would hit North Texas Hard ³
Courtesy of the Star Telegram

Colleges Accept Video Essays to Connect with Students
Courtesy of eCampus News

"the great thing is that it's going to spark a dialogue and focus on the actual learning issue"

> College Students Not Learning Much Courtesy of MSNBC.com

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services and how we can help you and your school.

OUR MOTTO

Inspiring students to achieve a higher education by promoting a college-going culture through educational outreach activities, services and community partnerships.

CONTACT INFO

If you have questions about any of our services or would like to schedule an event with us, please feel free to contact Phillip Wambsganss at (817) 265-9158 ext. 4160 or by email at phillipw@nthea.com.

Counselor Connect

We want your feedback! Is

Our Services

Committed to supporting students in their goal of attaining a higher education

By offering an array of educational outreach services we look to significantly expand the number of students and parents we serve each year and help develop a more prepared cohort of college ready students. The list below outlines all of our current outreach programs.

- College Prep Programs catered to the specific needs of sophomores, juniors and seniors
- Step-by-Step FAFSA Presentations
- Lunch & Learn Presentations on a variety of topics, such as Testing, Admissions, and Financial Aid - just to name a few
- · Financial Literacy Programs
- High School Counselor Training
- Sponsorship and Support of local area high school GO Centers

Feel free to <u>contact us</u> if you would like to know more about any of our programs or if you would like to book us for your next event or even have us host a program for your students!



there an article you've recently read that you'd like to see in our next newsletter? Or some news that you believe other counselors in the area would benefit from? Send us an email with all of the details and we may just use it in our March 2011 newsletter!

SPREAD THE WORD

Is there someone you know that could benefit from this newsletter? If so, <u>let us know</u> and we'll add them to our list of recipients.



Calendar of Events

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Feb 1 TUE

Arlington High School

FAFSA Presentation 7:00 pm

Feb 7 MON

Mount Olive Baptist Church

FAFSA Presentation 7:00 pm

Feb 8 TUE

Sam Houston High School

FAFSA Presentation 6:00 pm

Feb **15**

Martin High School

FAFSA Hands-on Workshop Time TBD

Feb 16 WED

Mesquite High School

FAFSA Presentation 7:00 pm

Mar **8** TUE

Sam Houston High School

FAFSA Presentation 6:00 pm

Monthly Mentions

January 2011

- Make sure students are completing their Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) as soon as possible! They should also remember to submit any other financial aid applications their college of interest may require. (Note: you don't have to be accepted to apply for aid.)
- If students have applied for regular decision, have them contact those schools to make sure they received everything.

February 2011

- Have your juniors schedule Spring <u>SAT</u> and/or <u>ACT</u> tests.
- Many priority financial aid deadlines fall in February. Make sure your students are in contact with the financial aid offices at their schools and have applied by the priority date to get the most attractive award package. They should also keep copies of everything they send in.



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