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DIRECTOR'S LETTER

Dear Colleagues,

On behalf of the North Carolina Community College System (NCCCS), we are excited to provide you with our September edition of *News Flash*. I hope each of you have experienced a great start to the 2009 fall semester. We know many of you are in the midst of registration and are working hard to meet the needs of the students you serve.

As we begin the semester, we realize many of you are faced with record enrollment. In addition budgetary restrictions have made it more difficult to travel, obtain training, staffing, and resources. We want you to know that we will work to assist you as much as possible to meet these challenges. You are encouraged to contact our office regarding specific services and training needs.

Budgetary restrictions have also impacted our ability to provide training to student services personnel in the usual manner. As a result, the office of Student Development Services began a series of training initiatives to assist in providing valuable training and information to student services personnel. The response to this initiative from student services and other college personnel has been overwhelmingly positive. Training sessions offered during the summer were offered through video conferences, Information Highway and Elluminate Webinars. Each participant attending a training session will receive a certificate of attendance.

We will also offer a series of workshops during the 2009-2010 fall and spring semesters. You are encouraged to participate in the training if possible. Registration information is attached to this newsletter. Presentations from each training session will be posted on the North Carolina Community College System website in the Student Development Personnel area.

Other memos and letters sent out by the Student Development Services Department will also be maintained in this section.

We look forward to a great year working with each of you. The staff and I and are extremely proud of the work you continue to do to meet the needs of your students and colleges.

Best wishes for a successful year!

Wanda White
Director, Student Development Services

UPCOMING TRAINING SESSIONS

Individuals interested in attending should register by the required deadlines and contact Wanda White at whitew@ncccommunitycolleges.edu. A registration form has been attached for your convenience. Individuals attending a workshop will receive a Certificate of Attendance from the System Office.

“Joint High School Partnership Programs” – September 24, 2009 (Eluminate Webinar)
10:00 am – 11:30 am and 2:00 pm – 3:30 pm

This session will be led by Antonio Jordan, Director, Joint High School Partnership Programs. Mr. Jordan will provide the most current updates related high school programs. The session will include updates on legislation affecting Huskins, Dual Enrollment, and Learn and Earn Online programs.

“Disability Services: What YOU Should Know” – October 23, 2009 (Information Highway)
10:00 am – 11:30 am and 2:00 pm – 3:30 pm

Gain a clearer understanding of students with disabilities, legal mandates, and the “hows and whys” of disability services. Topics in this session by Karen Yerby, Associate Director for Student Development Services, will include the law, documentation, accommodations, responsibilities and rights, academic freedom, personal liability, and tips.

MINORITY MALE MENTORING PROGRAM

House Bill 156 to appropriate \$2 million for the MMM Program, was not included in the final version of the state budget. As a result, the MMM programs will have to be sustained through institutional and outside resources.

Colleges are encouraged to continue their efforts to address the issues of minority male success. If you have identified alternative resources, please inform Monty Hickman, Associate Director for Financial Aid and Coordinator of the Minority Male Mentoring Program.

EARN SCHOLARSHIP DISCONTINUED

The NC General Assembly was able to fund most of the state aid programs at levels similar to last year or greater; however, the EARN program, which is funded from the Escheat Fund, was not included in the final budget. As a result, EARN recipients (new and renewal) will receive \$2,000 for the 2009 fall semester **only**. The program has been repealed for future years.

We regret the suspension of a major aid program. Financial Aid Offices are advised to adjust their financial aid awards to reflect the elimination of EARN funding for the 2010 spring semester and notify affected students of the change in the program as soon as possible.

NCASF AA CONFERENCE

The Spring 2009 North Carolina Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators (NCASF AA) Conference will be held at the Hilton Wilmington Riverside located in the heart of historic downtown Wilmington. The conference runs from April 20-22 and promises to offer excellent training opportunities.

With all the updated regulations, programs, and changing environment, now is the time to join for clarification and guidance. This conference will provide you with the essential training that is needed for your institution. Below is a tentative list of sessions topics that will be provided at the conference:

- The Fundamentals of ACG/TEACH/SMART
- The Fundamentals of R2T4
- Your Students and the Internet: Communicating Efficiently
- Resolving C Codes & CPS Changes
- And Now for the Categories: Federal Loan Jeopardy
- A Look at 2009-2010 Federal Methodology
- Calculating the EFC
- What's happening with Veterans Benefits?
- To PJ or Not To PJ
- Protecting Our Personal Space - Security in a Virtual World
- Verification: The Basics and Beyond
- Teaching Our Students About Money: Financial Literacy Programs
- Financial Aid Outreach: Taking it to the People
- Loan Counseling Requirements - An HEOA Update
- What Happens to a Loan After Graduation
- The Role of Financial Aid in the Recruitment and Retention of First Generation Students, Non-Traditional Students and Veterans
- Impulse Spending and Buyer's Remorse - Understanding Money Personalities
- HEOA Updates for Perkins, FWS, and General Provisions

JOINT DEANS CONFERENCE

The North Carolina Association of Community College Instructional Administrators and Student Development Administrators Associations will hold their joint conference October 19 – 21 at the Sheraton Atlantic Beach.

Due to the state budget this year, the NC Association of Community College Instructional Administrators is sponsoring a greater portion of this conference. The registration fee will be only \$50 per person! The Planning Committee hopes you, and other leaders from your college, will attend the conference.

Call the Sheraton soon to reserve your conference rate rooms (\$99 per ocean view room). Information is at the NCACCIA Website. <http://www.ncaccia.org/>

Keynote speakers will be Dr. David Baime from AACCC and Jennifer Haygood from NCCCS. The Planning Committee has chosen themes and is working on other presentations.

N4CSGA INFORMATION

The North Carolina Comprehensive Community College Student Government Association (N4CSGA) Fall Division Meetings will be held Saturday, September 12, 2009, at the following colleges:

- Eastern Division: Craven Community College
- Central Division: Stanly Community College
- Western Division: Gaston College

The N4CSGA Fall Conference will be held at the Asheville Crowne Plaza Hotel and Resort on October 2-3, 2009. This year's theme is "Don't Call It a Comeback: We've Been Here for Years!" The relevance of the theme is to continue to emphasize the critical need and role of the community colleges during challenging economic times. For more information about the N4CSGA, please visit our website at <http://www.n4csga.org>.

BEST PRACTICES

Recently, a *Best Practices for Advising and Registration* manual was sent to each college electronically. If you would like to include any "best practices" in the web version of this document, send your information to Karen Yerby at yerbyk@nccommunitycolleges.edu. There is no deadline as the document may be edited at any time.

UPDATE DIRECTORIES

Please notify Charletta Sims Evans or Karen Yerby of any changes in your college's student development staff. We like to keep the personnel directories on our webpages current which is only possible with your assistance. **Also, ask your campus IT personnel to keep your GroupWise lists updated.**

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