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## Mark Your Calendars

### October 10, 2008

*Financial Aid 101: A Training for Counselors & Advisors* will be held at the Senator Inn in Augusta. Pre-registration is required, as space is limited. All registrants will receive an e-mail confirmation. Contact Angela Dostie at [adostie@famemaine.com](mailto:adostie@famemaine.com) for more information.

### January 25, 2009

*College Goal Sunday* will be held at various locations across the state. Free assistance is provided to students and families as they complete the FASFA form.

# The FAME Educator

For Counselors & Advisors



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## Dear Counselors,

Greetings!

Can you believe that summer is over and another school year has begun? Just a reminder that the deadline to register for this year's Financial Aid 101 training event is Friday, September 26. Space is limited, so please be sure to register early.

If you have any questions about the topics in this newsletter or need assistance from FAME, please feel free to contact me by e-mail at [adostie@famemaine.com](mailto:adostie@famemaine.com) or by phone at 1-800-228-3734.

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**Manager of Outreach & Default Prevention**

## Expanded Outreach Program

FAME is pleased to announce that we have expanded our outreach program by hiring two new outreach representatives. Each representative has been assigned to an area of the state in order to be more effective in assisting you and your students.

Mila Tappan worked as a financial aid administrator at the University of Maine at Orono for 16 years. She is a graduate of Woodland High School and the University of Maine, and currently resides in Bangor. Mila's territory includes the Maine Counseling Associations of Northern, Downeast and Eastern Maine.

Trisha Malloy has experience in both the student loan industry and a financial aid office, as she began her career at the University of Southern Maine. Trish graduated from Edward Little High School and the University of Southern Maine, and currently resides in Auburn. Her territory includes the Central and Southern Maine Counseling Association areas.

In addition to continuing our work with high schools, we plan to provide presentations and materials to middle schools, elementary schools and adult learners.

You can contact Mila at [mtappan@famemaine.com](mailto:mtappan@famemaine.com) or 800-228-3734, ext 3504. Trisha can be contacted at [tmalloy@famemaine.com](mailto:tmalloy@famemaine.com) or 800-228-3734, ext 3555.

## Publication Mailing Schedule

**Financial Aid Tool Kit** - The fall 2008 edition of the *Tool Kit* is expected to be mailed on September 22. The new version will be posted on our Web site later that week.

**The Postsecondary Guide of Maine** - The *Postsecondary Guide* for 2008-2009 was distributed in late-August. If you need additional copies, you can order them online from our publication order page at [www.famemaine.com/education](http://www.famemaine.com/education), or call FAME directly.

**Life 101** - *The Magazine for High School Students* will be available in late-October. You will be notified when this publication is ready for distribution.

## Publication Order Page

FAME has recently updated the publication ordering page on our Web site. We have improved the functionality of the online ordering system and added several new publications. To view the publications FAME offers, go to [www.famemaine.com/education](http://www.famemaine.com/education) and click on FAME Publications.

We are always working to add new brochures and flyers to our list of materials. If you have suggestions or are looking for a specific topic, please let us know.

## Reminder: New Stafford Loan Limits

Don't forget that effective July 1, 2008, legislative changes resulted in an increase in the amount of Stafford loan a student may receive. Below are the amounts for a dependent student:

Year in College	Prior to 7/1/08	Effective 7/1/08
Freshman	\$3,500	\$5,500 (no more than \$3,500 can be subsidized)
Sophomore	\$4,500	\$6,500 (no more than \$4,500 can be subsidized)
Junior or Senior	\$5,500	\$7,500 (no more than \$5,500 can be subsidized)

## FAME Awarded Federal Grant

FAME is the designated agency for the State of Maine to administer the College Access Challenge Grant (CACG) Program. This two year grant will allow us to expand our out-reach efforts to meet the growing needs of students and families in Maine. We will keep you informed as we move forward with this exciting opportunity.

## College Goal Sunday - 2009

Maine's 6th Annual College Goal Sunday event will be held on Sunday, January 25, 2009 at various locations across the state. If you are interested in hosting an ITV or ATM site, please contact Mila Tappan at [mtappan@famemaine.com](mailto:mtappan@famemaine.com) or 1-800-228-3734, ext 3504.

We are excited to announce that our College Goal Sunday Web site has been redesigned. Go to [www.collegegoalsundaymaine.com](http://www.collegegoalsundaymaine.com) to view the new site. Some of the features include:

**Online Registration:** Registration is not required to attend, but students who do register can sign up to receive e-mail reminders before the event.

**Site Location Map:** The site location page has been redesigned and provides a visual image of locations and the ability to access directions easier than before.

**Materials:** We will continue to send posters and flyers automatically to schools; however, you will also have the ability to order additional materials online.

## How Do I Get Parents to Attend a Financial Aid Night?

After hearing this commonly asked question, FAME staff kept notes on some of the things we have heard worked well at various high schools:

- An English teacher offered 10 extra credit points on a quiz for students who attended. If both the student and parent attended, the teacher gave an extra 20 points.
- One school offered pizza. Since financial aid nights are often right after work and can interfere with dinner time, offering a quick dinner option can help families.
- The senior class at one high school sold coffee, donuts, cookies and other goodies before and after the financial aid presentation. Not only did this help raise money for the senior class, it encouraged student and parent attendance.
- Another high school offered a chance to win a scholarship. In order to be eligible for the drawing, both the student and the parent(s) had to attend the financial aid night.

If you have not yet planned your financial aid night, call us to schedule a date and time. Our calendars are filling up fast, so call soon!