

The FAME Educator

For Counselors & Advisors

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Newsletter Format

Prior editions of The FAME Educator were most often printed and mailed. In an effort to be more efficient, we will now be distributing the newsletter in electronic format only.

We hope you like this new look and welcome your feedback.

Wednesday Webinar

Our December Webinar will provide an overview of the 2010 - 2011 FAFSA. We will cover what's new, what's improved and what you can expect students to ask when they start the process.

Registration information will be sent out soon. If you have requests or suggestions for training, contact [Mary Dyer](#).

"Get A Life" Expanded

Our popular "Get A Life" program has been expanded. This interactive financial literacy game was originally created for middle school students and has now been expanded to teach high school students the basics of money management.

Through this program, students learn about potential career options, college aspirations and financial education; including budgeting, needs vs. wants and making choices.

Go to our Web site for a [complete description](#) or [contact us](#) to schedule a time for your school.

MESCA Conference

FAME attended the MESCA Conference on November 12 and 13. The workshops were very informative and it was great to see so many of you there. FAME's Trisha Malloy presented a workshop about preparing early for college expenses. A copy of the presentation is available on our [Training page](#).

Several elementary counselors inquired about programming for their students. We have been working on several ideas to teach students about careers, college and saving for college. If you have suggestions or ideas, please contact [Trisha Malloy](#).

FAFSA on the Web

According to the Department of Education, the FOTW Worksheets should be available in mid-December. As soon as the worksheets are available, we will let you know.

As in prior years, the DOE does not intend to mail paper copies of the FAFSA. FAME will add a link to a PDF of the FAFSA on our Web site so that families who prefer the paper application can access the form.

College Goal Sunday



January 31, 2010
2:00 p.m.

College Goal Sunday has been scheduled for Sunday, January 31, 2010 at 18 locations across Maine. This is a FREE program that brings together financial aid experts to help students and families complete the FAFSA.

More details, including locations and registration information, are available online at www.collegegoalsundaymaine.com.

There are also fact sheets and announcements that you can use to inform your students about the event. Posters will soon be available too.

Financial Aid 101

FA 101 was held on October 9 at the Augusta Civic Center and we had a great turnout! Over 120 counselors and advisors attended the event. Thank you all for coming!

For those that could not attend, copies of the presentations are available on the [training page](#) of our Web site. You can also find information about our Wednesday Webinars and materials from recent workshops.

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