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February 10 is College Goal Sunday in Louisiana

BATON ROUGE, La. – Louisiana's first annual College Goal Sunday will be held on February 10, 2008, from 2-4 p.m. at twelve locations around the state. The purpose of College Goal Sunday is to provide students and their families with free professional assistance in completing the primary student financial aid form, the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA).

Completing the FAFSA is the first step to take in order to receive most forms of federal student aid including Pell grants, low-interest federal student loans and to participate in the federal Work Study program. In addition, several state student financial aid programs, including the Tuition Opportunity Program for Students (TOPS) scholarship program and the Louisiana Go Grant need-based aid program, require completion of the FAFSA in order to qualify and access funds.

College Goal Sunday is a national program designed to help students navigate the paperwork barriers that stand between them and the money they need to attend college. Completing the form correctly with detailed income, tax and other information can be a difficult task. On College Goal Sunday, financial aid professionals from Louisiana colleges and universities will be on hand to provide free line-by-line assistance.

As an added bonus for participants, \$4,800.00 in education scholarship funds have been donated to further aid in the funding of a student's education. Louisiana College Goal Sunday participants can submit their names for a drawing that will award one \$400.00 scholarship per location.

Anyone, from soon-to-be high school graduates to returning non-traditional students, who is planning to attend a two or four-year college or university or community or technical college during the 2008-2009 academic year can benefit from attendance.

Pre-registration for the event is encouraged to ensure that each site has the resources needed to assist all participants. To register, log on to www.osfa.la.gov and "click" on the College Goal Sunday button. The website will also provide detailed information including specific records and documentation that participants will need to bring to the event.

College Goal Sunday Louisiana is sponsored by the Louisiana Association of Financial Aid Administrators (LASFAA) and the Louisiana Office of Student Financial Assistance (LOSFA) with assistance from the Louisiana Gear-Up and Trio programs. Funding for Louisiana College Goal Sunday is provided by a grant from Lumina Foundation for Education.

The twelve College Goal Sunday site locations in Louisiana are:

Alexandria

Louisiana State University-Alexandria

The Oaks of Alexandria/Oaks Apartment Complex
Clubhouse/Activity Center

Baton Rouge

Baton Rouge Community College

Bienvenue Student Center Room 152

Bossier City

Bossier City Community College

Building D, Room 215 (lecture);
Room D118 and D206 (computer labs)

Hammond

Southeastern Louisiana University
North Campus Main Building, Room 113

Houma

L. E. Fletcher Community and Technical College

Main Lobby, 310 St. Charles St.,
Houma, LA 70361;
Presentation Room 103, Computer Lab Room 105

Lafayette

University of Louisiana at Lafayette

Moody Hall Room 103 and adjoining computer lab.
(Parking will be in the Martin Hall lot)

Lake Charles

SOWELA Community and Technical College

SOWELA Library in the Computer Building

Monroe

Louisiana Delta Community College

Coenen Building, 4014 LaSalle St. *(formerly 1201 Bayou Dr.)*

Natchitoches

Northwestern State University

Student Union, President's Room and adjoining computer lab

New Orleans

Dillard University
Duicel Hall, Room 106

Reserve

East St. John High School

Library and Computer Lab (Room 126)
1 Wildcat Dr

Ruston

Louisiana Tech University
Wyly Tower of Learning rooms 202 & 205

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