

Delaware State Report  
November 28, 2004

A Delaware State Meeting was held on Monday, November 9, during the DE-DC-MD ASFAA Fall Conference in Ocean City MD. An update on the Delaware Higher Education Commission was provided by Alan Phillips, the guarantor update was provided by Chris Koterba and many important items were reviewed and discussed during the one-hour session.

We talked at length about DE ASFAA, the need to re-examine our purpose and ability to provide service to guidance counselors, students and parents, the upcoming election and the need for candidates to run for State President. Those present expressed their willingness to meet in the next month or two to have open dialogue about where we are and where we're headed, hoping to revitalize our group and generate some new interest and ideas.

Sincere thanks to the following individuals for their participation in our state meeting: Desiree Williams and Carylin Fox, Delaware State University; Sam Magrone and Cristine Layton, Wilmington College; Heidi Nadler, Widener University School of Law; Jennifer Grunden, Delaware Technical & Community College, Terry Campus; James Marks, Wesley College; Eric Rivera, Wesley College Center for Adult Studies; Linda Macauley, National Education; Alan Phillips, Delaware Higher Education Commission.

### **Activities:**

**Financial Aid Nights:** regional, county-wide programs have been coordinated with high school counselors for December, January and February. Members who will be presenting the NASFAA power point presentation at these events include Debra McCain, Delaware Technical & Community College, Wilmington Campus; Bob Fultz, SunTrust Bank; Veronica Oney and Melissa Rakes, Delaware Technical & Community College, Owens Campus; Jennifer Grunden, Delaware Technical & Community College, Terry Campus; Carylin Fox, Delaware State University. A laptop and LED projector will be provided for each program by Chris Koterba, American Education Services Delaware Office.

**College Goal Sunday 2005:** scheduled for January 30, 2005 at Delaware State University. This event is being offered throughout the DE-DC-MD area and volunteers from each state will provide assistance on FAFSA completion and financial aid programs to students and families who attend. Carylin Fox, Director of Financial Aid, is the site coordinator. Colleagues who have generously volunteered to support this event include Melissa Rakes and Kimberly Pippin, Delaware Technical & Community College, Owens Campus; Jennifer Grunden, Delaware Technical & Community College, Terry Campus; Cristine Layton, Wilmington College; Eric Rivera, Wesley College Center for Adult Studies; Desiree Williams and Carylin Fox, Delaware State University; Laurie Drass, National Education; Chris Koterba, American Education Services.

**Training:**

An announcement was made during the state meeting about EASFAA's fall training on student loans. Harford Community College in MD will be the host site for the DE-DC-MD region on November 16.

Respectfully submitted,

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Delaware President