

2005-2006

I would like to extend a heartfelt “thank you” to everyone who contributed to our successes this year. No matter how small or large, whether a few minutes or several hours, each of my colleagues showed their support of our profession---and each other---by offering their time and expertise to help students, parents and families. As we begin planning for next year, I am confident that these efforts will continue once again.

### **Financial Aid Night Programs**

From December through February, eight Financial Aid Night Programs were conducted in Delaware with multiple sites offered in each of the three counties. Six financial aid administrators provided information to approximately 500 students and parents. In addition to these programs, financial aid administrators provided information at several of the College Night programs during October.

### **College Goal Sunday**

College Goal Sunday 2006 had all the makings of another success story---until Mother Nature appeared! This would have been our first year for three sites, reaching many more of our families needing help with FAFSA completion, and the weather conditions caused all three sites to cancel. Calls were received on the College Goal Sunday toll-free line which were returned by Delaware financial aid professionals, and calls were also handled by individual financial aid offices. Again, I owe a huge ‘thanks’ to everyone who volunteered to staff each site and hope they will step forward again for our 2007 program.

### **Community Service**

Discussions and research have begun for a community service event in Delaware.

A state meeting was held on May 31 at Delaware Technical & Community College, Terry Campus, which was attended by 17 members. We reviewed activities from this past year and have begun planning for 2006-07. Very special thanks to Debra McCain, Jennifer Grunden, Veronica Oney, Melissa Rakes, Cristine Layton and Beth Parker for all of their time and effort. Without their help, we could not have experienced such success!

Respectfully submitted,

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