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Dollars for Scholars and BND Provide Learning Opportunity

North Dakota Dollars for Scholars and Bank of North Dakota (BND) recently joined together in an effort to educate students and their families about the financial aid process and going to college. The pilot program, funded in part by a grant from BND, enabled the National Center for College Costs, located in Greencastle, Indiana, to make presentations in the communities of Garrison, Hazen, and New Salem, North Dakota.

The informational sessions, conducted in March and April, included an overview about expected family contribution (EFC), scholarships, work study, and other related topics. Families were provided with a College Costs Estimator which helped them determine their financial obligations at selected colleges and universities. The sessions were very successful, so North Dakota Dollars for Scholars and BND are meeting to determine how and when additional sessions may be scheduled.

Bank of North Dakota continues to look for innovative ways to partner with organizations to educate the public about college-related issues. By supporting unique learning opportunities, we strive to give students and their families the resources necessary to make their educational dreams a reality.

Lance Hill, Coordinator - College Information Service

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NDASFAA Update

First of all, I would like to say KUDOS to the Conference Planning Committee for putting on a phenomenal spring conference! Those of you that were not fortunate enough to attend missed a goooood one!

I would have to say that the guest speakers were the highlight of the conference for me. With Alice Hoffert's welcome address delighting us with her trademark wit and personality; Gordon Henry's compassionate words on student relationships; Robin Silverman's 10 gifts of life; Dale Lennon's words of inspiration; and Clark Wold's undeniable knowledge of our profession. A big THANK YOU goes out to them.

I would like to give thanks to all the breakout session presenters for the great job they did for us. Also, a special thank you goes out to our RNASFAA President Mary Sommers for taking the time out of her busy schedule to attend our state conference and share her thoughts and concerns with us. I think words go a long way when the person is in front of you asking and encouraging you to get involved in committee and leadership positions.

“NDASFAA’s success has a lot to do with the dedication and commitment of our members and associate members...”

Speaking of getting involved, NASFAA is still searching for volunteers to help with the 2004-2005 program year. There are a number of different activities that NASFAA sponsors and needs your energy to make it happen. Deadline to apply is May 3, 2004. If you are interested please visit the NASFAA Web site at www.nasfaa.org and look for volunteer information.

Don't forget to encourage one of your staff to attend RNASFAA's Summer Institute, if you don't plan on attending. There are leadership dollars available as a scholarship to help defer some of the cost. Visit the NDASFAA Web site at www.ndasfaa.org for details.

Committee Chairs! I owe you one. Thanks for stepping up to the plate and performing in a pinch. This is one of the reasons I feel we have the greatest association...you are all so generous and helpful.

Of course, I cannot forget to thank all of the vendors and contributors that made this all possible. NDASFAA's success has a lot to do with the dedication and commitment of our members and associate members and it is your contributions that make things like this conference a success. Thank You!

Robert Parisien, NDASFAA President

NDASFAA Scholarship Recipients Announced

The North Dakota Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators (NDASFAA) drew names for scholarship recipients at the state meeting in March. This is the first time NDASFAA has awarded scholarships to high school seniors. Three \$250 scholarships will be awarded to students attending colleges or universities that are members of NDASFAA this fall.

Students who attended the College Information Saturday sessions and other financial aid information sessions conducted by NDASFAA members registered for the scholarship drawings. Over 1,000 names were submitted for the scholarship drawing. Recipients are: Rex Larson, Towner; Vanessa Hoffman, Dickinson; and Tabitha Zimmerman of Elgin. Two alternates were also chosen to receive the scholarship. The alternates will be notified if the original recipients chosen decline the scholarship due to a change in college plans. The alternates are Stacey Holder of Bowman and Kelsey Tweed of Pekin.

Congratulations to the recipients and to NDASFAA for helping students to achieve their dreams of a higher education.

Peggy Anderson - College Information Service



Mapping Your Future Releases Online Student Loan Counseling Version 3.0 May 1

Mapping Your Future (MYF) releases Online Student Loan Counseling (OSLC) version 3.0 on May 1. While the new release includes many enhancements to the FAO Access Area and changes to OSLC counseling sessions, you won't be required to make any changes to your participation or account. You can continue to use OSLC as you have in the past, or you can customize the counseling to enhance your account management options.

Please visit MYF at <http://mapping-your-future.org/services/fao.cfm> to see a complete listing of changes. If you have any questions about OSLC version 3.0, contact CariAnne Behr at carianne.behr@mapping-your-future.org or (573) 634-8641.



Spotlight on SLND!



Karen Strom

Karen has been employed at SLND for 15 years, starting as a temporary clerk for PLUS/SLS loans. Within one year, she became a full-time employee and has been working in her current position as a Claims Processor for the past seven years. Karen enjoys working with her co-workers and really enjoys her job.

Away from work, Karen enjoys reading, camping, boating and golfing. She has two children. Her son Shannon, 26, lives in Madison, WI for the past five years. "I love to visit him and really enjoy Madison because of the variety of things we can do there," said Karen. Her daughter Heather, 20, was married in August 2003 and now lives in Minot where she is in her second year of college at Minot State University.

Who's Coming & Going at SLND!

Bob Baier, former Collection Specialist for SLND's Loan Servicing Customer Service Team, has accepted a promotion to Supervisor for the Processing Team.

Diane Wilcken and **Shelly Brown** have transferred to SLND-Guarantor and promoted to a position of Office Assistant II. Diane and Shelly will share this position beginning May 10. They bring years of excellent experience working in SLND Loan Servicing and with scanning, which will be a wonderful resource for the Guarantor.

Elaine Schlinger has joined SLND-Guarantor as a postclaim Collection Officer. She comes to us from Aetna US Healthcare in Bismarck where she worked as a customer service professional handling claims and has many years of collection experience.

Kaylah Pavlicek and **Joe Eberle** are providing part-time temporary assistance writing Web-based reports for SLND-Guarantor as development of the E-commerce project moves forward. Both are Computer Information Systems majors at Bismarck State College.

Bryan Botz is providing temporary assistance with database tasks relating to the E-commerce project. He is currently a student at the University of Mary majoring in Computer Information Systems.

All of us at SLND welcome and congratulate these employees on their new positions!

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Upcoming Events

NCHELP Spring Convention

May 23-26
 Hilton San Diego
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RMASFAA Summer Institute

June 6-11
 Colorado School of Mines
 Golden, CO

NASFAA National Conference

July 18-21
 Minneapolis, MN

Alliance Lender Luncheons Planned

SLND is hosting Alliance Lender luncheons May 18, 19 and 20. Lenders are invited to participate in an update on the student loan process, College SAVE, E-Signature, loan consolidation, and the latest technology used to help today's student loan borrowers. If you would like to register, please contact Char Feist at 1-800-472-2166 ext 5753 to register at one of the following sites.

May 18	Noon	Minot	Embassy <i>112 2nd Ave. SW</i>
	Noon	Fargo	Holiday Inn <i>1 29 & 13th Ave. S.</i>
	Noon *	Dickinson	KC Club <i>1531 W. Villard</i>
May 19	Noon	Grand Forks	Hilton Garden Inn <i>4301 Dartmouth Drive</i>
May 20	Noon	Bismarck	Minerva's Restaurant <i>1800 N. 12th Street</i>
	Noon	Carrington	Chieftain, Conference Center <i>60 4th Ave. S.</i>

* Indicates Mountain Time