

SLGFA E-Updates

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E-UPDATES is an electronic newsletter sponsored and operated by the Student Loan Guarantee Foundation of Arkansas (SLGFA) to provide program information to schools and lenders participating in the Federal Family Education Loan Program (FFELP).

IN THIS ISSUE:

1. School and Lender Services Department Staff Grows

SLGFA's School and Lender Services department is growing. Click on the following link to meet the department's newest staff member: http://www.slgfa.org/slgfa/pubs/updates/NewStaff_Karen.asp

2. Mapping Your Future Enhanced *Online Student Loan Counseling* Ready

An enhanced version of the *Online Student Loan Counseling* from Mapping Your Future was launched Tuesday evening, July 15, 2003. This updated version not only includes better student privacy protection, but also a new test format for students. The improved FAO Access Area for schools is also ready with a new menu-driven format. Click on the following link to read more about these changes:

http://www.slgfa.org/slgfa/pubs/myf/OSLCFAO_Update71603.asp

3. E-Legislation

If the Higher Education Act of 1965 Reauthorization process were played out as a drama, it could be considered a cross between a Shakespearean play and a television soap opera. As the process unfolds, the political drama can take on a life of its own. To read more about the unfolding drama, click on the following link: <http://www.slgfa.org/slgfa/pubs/updates/E-Legislation/HEA72503.asp>

4. Mortarboard FYI

Need to stay informed about quickly evolving financial aid news? Why do student loans matter? What's the history behind FFELP? What does FFELP mean? The answers to these questions can be found at Studentloanfacts.org, a web site sponsored by America's Student Loan Providers. This highly informative web site provides various student loan statistics and updated HEA Reauthorization information. To become a student loan intellectual, click on the provided link:

<http://www.slgfa.org/slgfa/pubs/updates/MortarboardFYI/MFY1072503.asp>

5. Second Quarter Special Interest Rates on Web Site

The Treasury Department has published the average of the bond equivalent rates of the 91-day Treasury bills auctioned during the quarter ending **June 30, 2003**, as **1.06 percent**. The average of the bond equivalent rates of the quotes of the 3-month commercial paper rates in effect for the quarter ending **June 30, 2003** as **1.17 percent**. Click on the following link to access the Federal Student Aid memorandum:

http://www.slgfa.org/slgfa/pubs/special_rates/2003_2ndQtr.asp

6. Noel-Levitz Awards Arkansas Tech University for Student Retention Innovation

Once again Arkansas has a reason to be proud of its higher education. Arkansas Tech University in Russellville received the Noel-Levitz award for its innovative student retention program in San Diego, CA during the July 13-16 National Conference. To read more about how ATU earned this award, click on the provided link:

<http://www.slgfa.org/slgfa/pubs/updates/ATUAward.asp>

7. SLGFA Seeks to Fill a Compliance Officer and Trainer Position

The Training and Technical Assistance department in the Policy and Compliance Division has an opening for a Compliance Officer and Trainer. To get more information about this staff position, please click on the following link: http://www.slgfa.org/slgfa/whats_new/jobsindex.asp

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