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### 1. **Blaze a Trail Now for the SLGFA 2004 Annual Conference**

Blaze a trail to the 2004 SLGFA Annual Conference, *A Fistful of Dollars...Financing a College Education*, by registering now. Conference on-line registration for attendees and corporate sponsors is available on SLGFA's Web site. The corral gates will open on Thursday and Friday, February 26-27, 2004, at Little Rock's DoubleTree Hotel. Come and experience the wide-open spaces of financial aid. Click on the provided link for registration and to learn more about the conference:

[http://www.slgfa.org/slgfa/pubs/conference/2004/2004Article\\_Part2.asp](http://www.slgfa.org/slgfa/pubs/conference/2004/2004Article_Part2.asp)

### 2. **SLGFA Ready to Help Lenders, Schools with Guarantee Fee Process**

In the November 14, 2003, issue of *E-Updates*, SLGFA announced that it was changing its guarantee fee policy beginning April 1, 2004. SLGFA recently mailed an information packet to assist lenders and servicers with the administration of those fees. More information about resources to help education lenders and campus financial aid offices prepare for the reinstatement of loan guarantee fees can be found by clicking on the following link: <http://www.slgfa.org/slgfa/pubs/policies-and-procedures/GFee-FeeXPRS.asp>

### 3. **Common Manual**

The most recent **Revisions to the *Common Manual***, approved **January 15, 2004, (Batch 110)** by the *Common Manual* Governing Board are currently available. These revisions have also been included in the integrated version of the *Common Manual*. Questions regarding the *Common Manual* should be directed to the SLGFA Policy & Compliance Division at 800-622-3446. The *Common Manual* Policy Committee has released ***Common Manual Training Brief #8***. *Common Manual* Training Briefs are located on SLGFA's *Common Manual* web page in the same PDF document format as the *Common Manual*. More information about the Training Briefs and Revisions to the *Common Manual* can be found by clicking the following link: <http://www.slgfa.org/slgfa/pubs/cm-revisions/januaryrevisions/jan2004revisions/Batch110.asp>

### 4. **ED Releases New Child Care Forgiveness Application**

Department of Education (ED) released the 2003 Child Care Provider Loan Forgiveness Application (CCPLF) in Dear Colleague Letter (DCL) GEN-04-01 on January 22, 2004. Click on the provided link to access more information about the new CCPLF application:

[http://www.slgfa.org/slgfa/pubs/letters/dear\\_colleague/GEN0401.asp](http://www.slgfa.org/slgfa/pubs/letters/dear_colleague/GEN0401.asp)

### 5. **Updated Integrated Regulations on SLGFA Web Site**

Integrated Regulations - Section 682 has been updated due to the publication of a technical corrections package on December 31, 2003. The revised regulations can be viewed in PDF format by clicking on the following link: [http://www.slgfa.org/slgfa/client\\_partners/integrated\\_regulations/integratedregs.asp](http://www.slgfa.org/slgfa/client_partners/integrated_regulations/integratedregs.asp)

### 6. **E-Legislation**

After four months of continuing resolutions, the Senate passed the \$820 billion omnibus spending package for fiscal year 2004 and President Bush signed it. The signing will impact higher education in both positive and negative ways. In the President's fiscal year 2005 budget request, proposals include consolidation and simplification of higher education. More information about the two fiscal year budgets can be read by clicking on the following link: <http://www.slgfa.org/slgfa/pubs/updates/E-Legislation/E-Legislation02-05-04.asp>

**7. Mortarboard FYI**

NASFAA updated its *Parent and Student Guide to Federal Tax Benefits for Tuition and Fees* for the 2003 tax year. The guide is provided as a source for general guidance only for information on the Hope Scholarship and Lifetime Learning tax credits. The National Center for Public Policy and Higher Education has released a paper called *Responding to the Crisis in College Opportunity*. The study asked governors and state legislators to make protecting college access and affordability for students and families the highest priority for state higher education budgets in 2004. Clicking on the provided link can access both documents: <http://www.slgfa.org/slgfa/pubs/updates/MortarboardFYI/MFY020504.asp>

**8. Outside the Circle**

In light of President Bush's *Jobs in the 21st Century Grant* proposal, *Education Daily* reported the week of January 19, 2004, that slightly more than half (51 percent) of teen-aged students have no interest in pursuing careers in any of the nation's top five fastest growing industries. Job Shadow and Harris Interactive conducted the poll. For more information about the poll results, click on the following link: <http://www.slgfa.org/slgfa/pubs/updates/OutSideCircle/OSC020504.asp>

**9. President Bush Proposes *Jobs in the 21st Century Grant***

During President Bush's State of Union address on Tuesday, January 21, 2004, he caught the attention of the postsecondary education community when he proposed the *Jobs in the 21st Century Grant*. More details about the President's proposal can be read by clicking on the provided link: <http://www.slgfa.org/slgfa/pubs/updates/21stCenturyJobs.asp>

**10. Hispanics in Higher Education – Part 2: Campus Collaboration**

Arkansas will see its greatest Hispanic immigration growth occur over the next decade. With that in mind, Arkansas' higher education institutions are stepping up to the challenge to educate the children of Latino immigrants. To read more about how Arkansas higher education institutions are impacting future Hispanic students, click on the following link: <http://www.slgfa.org/slgfa/pubs/updates/ARLatinosPart2.asp>

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