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FROM THE DIRECTOR DEB BYERS

The “official” start of summer is just around the corner (June 21st) and it’s hard to believe that another academic year has come and gone. In the financial aid profession, many of us are often asked by family or friends “Do you work in the summer?” or “Summer is probably a slow time for you, right?” Well, those questions usually make me laugh as nothing could be further from the truth. Summer is actually a very hectic time for our office – no “lazy days of summer” here!

While we are busy preparing aid packages for the fall semester, we are still heavily involved in the summer aid process as well. In looking at both these sessions, we find that we have seen a 24% increase in summer aid applications, and a 10% increase in our federal aid applications for 2009-10; both are testaments I believe to the current economy.

As a result of these challenging times, we as a financial aid staff are engaging in discussions as to how we can become more efficient and also utilize cost – saving measures in our daily operations, while continuing to strive to provide top quality service and programs. We are looking for ways in which we can work smarter, accomplish more and add the most value possible to our team and the university.

Another exciting undertaking for our office is the implementation of the Federal Direct Loan program, which will be available for the first time this fall, replacing the Federal Family Education Loan Programs (FFELP) previously utilized here at WSU. The new Direct Loan program will continue to provide funding for the federal Subsidized, Unsubsidized and PLUS loan programs, but in the end should alleviate much of the confusion surrounding

these programs as to who holds a student’s loan, servicing issues and more. But probably most important, the Direct Loan program will provide a solid source of funding from the federal government, versus the ever-changing landscape of lending agencies that provide funding under the FFELP program.

As you can see, we are hard at work during these “lazy days of summer” and up to the challenges that the new academic year will bring. And remember, you can stay informed with what’s going on throughout the year by subscribing to our financial aid email news bulletin *Shock-cent\$* to receive timely financial aid information and important deadline dates.



OFFICE OF FINANCIAL AID FWS JOB OPENINGS

With the start of the 2009-2010 academic year you or someone you know may be in search of a work study position on campus. Our office is currently looking for students to work in a fast-paced, professional, and fun environment. We have several positions available that utilize various skills and encompass a wide range of

responsibilities. Please stop by our office or visit the “Job Openings” in the “Our Office” section of our website at www.wichita.edu/financialaid to obtain an application and to view the specific job descriptions. Completed applications can be mailed to: Wichita State University, Office of Financial Aid, 203 Jardine Hall,

1845 Fairmount, Wichita, KS 67260-0042 or faxed to: (316) 978-3396. If you have any questions regarding the work study positions available in our office, please feel free to contact our office at (316) 978-3430 or 1-800-522-2978.

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Important Dates

August 13– 1st day electronic refunds available for excess financial aid for Fall 09 courses

August 17– 1st day paper checks to be mailed for excess financial aid for Fall 09 courses

August 14, 26– Fall 09 course drop dates for non-payment

August 26– Last day to enroll in classes and to drop a class with a 100% refund (Census Date)

August 26- Office of Financial Aid Welcomefest Event 12:00-2:00 pm “Chillin with Financial Aid”



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SCHOLARSHIP CORNER SHEELU SURENDER

High School Class of 2010 – It’s hard to believe that we are looking toward the class of 2010! This summer is the perfect time for incoming students to begin working on their scholarship applications. Apply early for full consideration for all available opportunities.

One of the best opportunities for incoming Sedgwick County residents is the Sedgwick County Scholars program. This scholarship is awarded to residents of Sedgwick County who submit a quality scholarship application and meet one of the following criteria; have an ACT score of 21 or higher (SAT 980), rank in top 1/3 of high school graduating class, or be an admissible student who participated in Kansas Kids or USD 259 GEAR UP Program.

To apply for these general scholarships

students must be fully admitted to the University and submit a scholarship personal statement and an activities chart. The university must have an official high school transcript and ACT/SAT score on file. Incomplete applications are not considered.

Apply early to be considered for opportunities with limited resources!



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