



LOSFA Loop Special Edition

Trailblazer Camp 2009

Each year, LOSFA hosts Trailblazer Camps for high school students about to enter their senior year, giving them the opportunity to spend three days immersed in financial aid information. Those students then take that information back to their schools to share with their peers. This special edition features photographs from the 2009 Trailblazer Camps which were held at Northwestern State University and Nicholls State University. It also includes quotes from the campers, describing their experiences and an update on last year's Trailblazers' college decisions.



"I never even knew some of the options we had and I will talk about how fun the camp was to my friends."



"I feel that this program will open up new decisions for students in my class and will help them to learn about ways to get into college."



"The Trailblazer program thoroughly explained the different processes necessary for financial aid and the TOPS program."



Catching up



LOSFA contacted last year's Trailblazers to find out their college plans. This is a list of where those students will be attending college this fall.

Baylor University

Markia Cooper

Erik Olivo

Bossier Parish Community College

Lacey Willis

Kimberly Smart

Baton Rouge Community College

Kayla Thomas

NaQuilla Morris

Brown University

Aaron Reyes

Concordia University

Joey Marroccoli

Delgado Community College

Jerika Ceasar

Dillard University

Kayla Blain

Grambling State University

Jerrica Bell

Howard University

Shanise Butler

Louisiana College

Kelli Willis

Louisiana Tech

Matthew Plaisance

Levier Pryor

J.B. Bennet

Katherine Bryant

Joel Register

Hannah Watley

Preston Johnson

Jordan Branch

Loyola

Janae' Neeley

Austin Grows

Shawn Doughty

LSU-Alexandria

Hope Nugent

Amy Arnold

Rebecca Hayes

LSU - Baton Rouge

Catherine Roszelle

Sara Haefele

Garrett Dupre

Catherine Fontenot

Erin Huffaker

Taylor Prothro

Kayla Hensarling



Samuel Smith
Ashton Martin
Jasmine Smith
Collin LeBlanc
Anthony Knatt
Blake Richard
Maddi Ourso
Melissa Meadows
Kristin Kendrick
Jordy Allen
Colin Hyatt

Walker Landry

LSU-Eunice

Paige Briolo

LSU-Shreveport

Kasey Jones
Brittany Moore
Dani Bedgood

Jesse Malone

McNeese

Whitney Morrison
Brittany Pridgen
Staci Guidry
Mary Alaina DeWees
Marleeta DeClouette
Sarah Coleman
Bobby Duncan

Mississippi College

Suzanne Campbell

Mississippi State

Hollie O'Neal

Mississippi Valley State

Brychana Williams

Nicholls

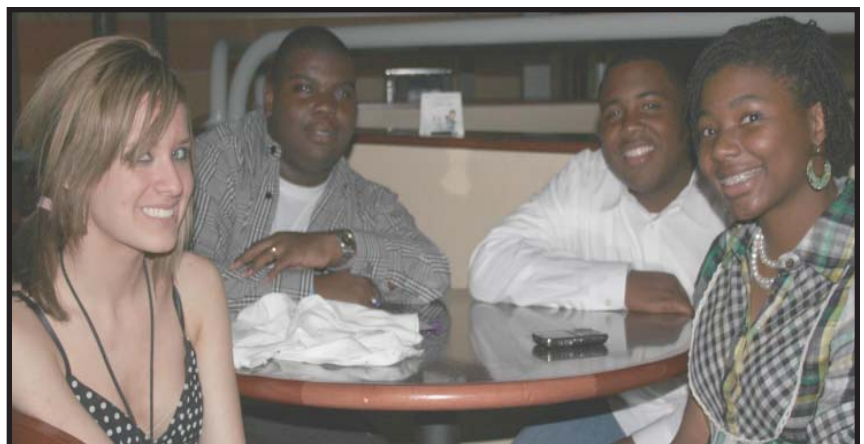
Allie Foret
Randall Edwards
Mallory Carrere
Taylor Ferguson

Northwestern State University

Taylor Ferguson
Shanika Carey
Taylor Orgeron
Ebony Freemont
Kelly Clark
Courtney Marshall
India Davis
Tyler Bergeron
Stephanie Branch
William Moore
Lindsay Morris
Alex McElwee
Brittany Broussard

Notre Dame

Katie Vidal
Mariah Boyd





Southeastern LA University

Katherine Capone
Ashley Bordelon
Carlos Sanders
Justin Huffty
Lauren Jenkins
Angelle Wallace
Cassie Harden
Valeria Romero
Jessica Huber
Alexi Ingraffia
Meghan Schilling
Angela Benson
Cory Newcomb

Southern Arkansas University

Alicia Robinson

Southern University

Jermey Woodley
Eddron Scott
Fred Reed
DeVenney Smith
Jasmine Payne

Texas Bible College

Kristan Venable

Tulane

Damien Stoltz
Jordan Sullen
Joshua Austin
Chase Joubert

University of Louisiana at Lafayette

Lisa Barousse
Maryam Qamhiyeh
Ben Robinson
Adrienne Ramsey
Camille Broussard
Michael Walraven

Alyssa Muse

University of Louisiana at Monroe

Alaina Turner
Joshua Horne
Katelynn Denman
Elena Dimattia
Hannah Berry

University of Southern Miss.

Leslie Baldassaro

University of New Orleans

Kenny Buckman
Brittany Burgess
Kieara Steib

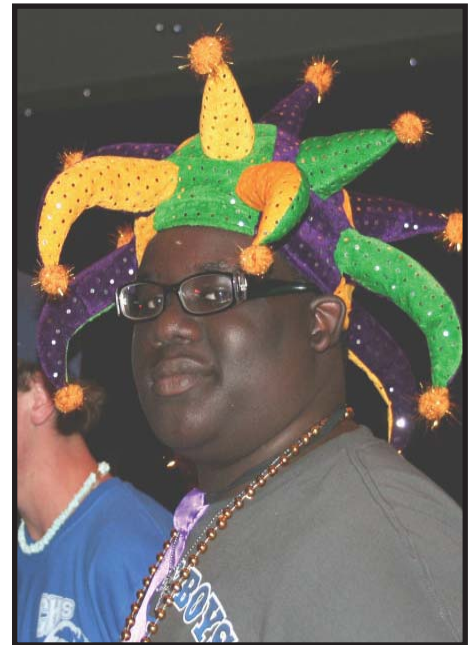
Wiley College

Forrest Ashley

Xavier University

Terrence Joseph
Sobia Arshad
Courtnei Becnel

"This program helped me to get a better understanding of FAFSA."



Trailblazers helped "me gain the knowledge of what financial aid is really about and I can bring that to my high school."

"Students do not have resources to discuss financial aid and so this info will give them the resources and advice needed."





"Passing this information on to my fellow classmates will provide them with a better understanding in preparing for college."

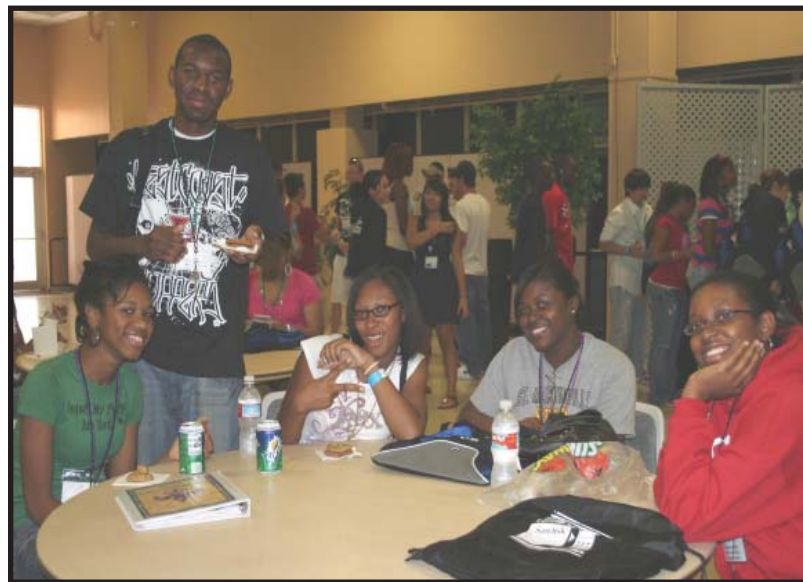
"This program taught me a lot I didn't know about TOPS and financial aid that I can share with my class."

"Kids at my high school probably don't know very much about the opportunities there are for financial aid. By teaching me, I can help educate them."





"I learned a lot about financial aid that I didn't know, and I can now tell my friends about."



"Those who thought they couldn't go to college because of money will be informed differently."





"They gave us plenty of vital information that we could take back to all the other students."

"I feel the career choices presentation was most useful, because many of my peers still haven't decided their field of study."



"I learned some information about institutional scholarship deadlines as well as other things that would be useful in my high school."

"I will bring the 'good news' of financial aid to other students and hopefully shed a bit of light on them."

"The information provided by Trailblazers will bring great help to every individual who plans on college, yet may have insufficient funds."



"It will make a difference by letting students know there is money out there."



"I will be able to share valuable information about TOPS and college for other students in need of guidance."

"I think that all of the TOPS requirements info will be useful, because most of the students are relying on that scholarship."



