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## Jump\$tart Coalition to Participate in College Goal Sunday

BATON ROUGE – Representatives of the Louisiana Jump\$tart Coalition For Personal Financial Literacy will be present at the College Goal Sunday event being held on Sunday, February 24, from 2:00 until 4:00 p.m. at the Baton Rouge Community College site.

Jump\$tart representatives will be available to consult with parents and students on a variety of subjects including: budget sheet preparation; tips on avoiding predatory lending offers; avoiding credit card debt; and suggestions for parent/student discussions about money matters.

Also, each attendee will receive a free “College Game Plan for Your Financial Future Playbook” from Jump\$tart that will help students “set up a winning financial future!” Information will also be available on scholarship opportunities, financial and school resources for parents and students, and money planning tips.

“We are extremely pleased to have the Louisiana Jump\$tart Coalition provide these value-added services for the College Goal Sunday attendees at our Baton Rouge Community College venue,” said LOSFA Executive Director, Melanie Amrhein. “Their participation is intended to be a pilot for expanded participation by their organization at additional College Goal Sunday sites in future years,” she concluded.

The purpose of College Goal Sunday is to provide students and their families with free professional assistance in completing the primary student financial aid form, the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). Completing the FAFSA is the first step to take in order to receive most forms of federal student aid including Pell grants, low-interest federal student loans and to participate in the federal Work Study program. **In addition, several state student financial aid programs, including the Taylor Opportunity Program for Students (TOPS) scholarship program and the Louisiana Go Grant need-based aid program, require completion of the FAFSA in order to qualify and access funds.**

College Goal Sunday is a national program designed to help students navigate the paperwork barriers that stand between them and the money they need to attend college. Completing the form correctly with detailed income, tax and other information can be a difficult task. On College Goal Sunday, financial aid professionals from Louisiana colleges and universities will be on hand to provide free line-by-line assistance.

For more information, visit [www.osfa.la.gov](http://www.osfa.la.gov) or contact the Louisiana Office of Student Financial Assistance at (225) 219-1012 or (800) 259-5626, or by Email at [custserv@la.gov](mailto:custserv@la.gov).

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