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More Opportunities Announced for Families Who Missed College Goal Sunday to Get Free Professional FAFSA Completion Assistance

BATON ROUGE – The Louisiana Office of Student Financial Assistance today announced fourteen additional opportunities for families who missed the March 1 statewide College Goal Sunday events to still receive free FAFSA completion assistance from postsecondary financial aid professionals throughout the month of March.

FAFSA is the Free Application for Federal Student Aid. 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.** Many campus-based institutional scholarships also require completion of the FAFSA.

College Goal Sunday and the follow up College Goal Louisiana events announced today are part of a national initiative 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. At College Goal Louisiana events, financial aid professionals from Louisiana colleges and universities are on hand to provide free line-by-line assistance.

Anyone, from a soon-to-be high school graduate to a returning adult student, who is planning to attend any postsecondary institution that participates in the Federal Title IV Aid programs during the 2015-2016 academic year can benefit from attendance. This includes public, private, technical, community, proprietary and career colleges.

Registration for these follow up events is neither necessary nor available. However, students and parents are urged to go to <http://www.osfa.la.gov> and click the on College Goal Sunday link to access detailed information including specific records and documentation that participants will need to bring to the event. The website also lists over 190 Internal Revenue Service VITA (Volunteer Income Tax Assistance) sites

statewide where low to moderate income families may receive free tax preparation assistance prior to completing their FAFSA.

College Goal Sunday and College Goal Louisiana events are sponsored by the Louisiana Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators (LASFAA) and the Louisiana Office of Student Financial Assistance (LOSFA) with assistance from the Louisiana GEAR-UP program. Funding for College Goal Louisiana events provided by a grant from USA Funds.

The fourteen 2015 Louisiana College Goal Louisiana site locations in Louisiana are:

March 9 (Monday)

- South Louisiana Community College – Lafayette
5:30 – 7:30 p.m.
1101 Bertrand
Ardoin Building, Room 114

March 10 (Tuesday)

- Central Louisiana Technical Community College – Leesville Extension
4:30 – 7:00 p.m.
Main Building Learning Resource Center, Room G102

March 16 (Monday)

- South Louisiana Community College – Lafayette
5:30 – 7:30 p.m.
1101 Bertrand Drive
Room 301

March 17 (Tuesday)

- Central Louisiana Technical Community College – Ferriday Extension Site
4:30 – 7:00 p.m.
Main) Building, Room 117

March 19 (Thursday)

- Louisiana Tech University – Ruston
4:00 – 7:00 p.m.
Wyley Tower-Prescott Memorial Library
Room 1014

March 22 (Sunday)

- LSU-Shreveport
2:00 – 5:00 p.m.
One University Place
University Center
Room 109

March 23 (Monday)

- Louisiana Tech University – Ruston
4:00 – 7:00 p.m.
Wyley Tower-Prescott Memorial Library
Room 1014
- South Louisiana Community College – Lafayette
5:30 – 7:30 p.m.
1101 Bertrand
Ardoin Building, Room 114

March 24 (Tuesday)

- River Parishes Community College – Gonzales
6:00 – 8:00 p.m.
925 West Edenborne Parkway
Main Campus, Room 137
- Central Louisiana Technical Community College – Winnfield Extension Site
4:30 – 7:00 p.m.
5960 Highway 167 North
Main Building
Park at the back of campus in student parking lot

March 25 (Wednesday)

- Southern University New Orleans
11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
6400 Press Drive
College of Business, Room 100
- Central Louisiana Technical Community College – Jena Extension Site
4:30 – 7:00 p.m.
521 East Bradford Street
Main Building

March 30 (Monday)

- South Louisiana Community College – Lafayette
5:30 – 7:30 p.m.
1101 Bertrand
Ardoin Building, Room 114

March 31 (Tuesday)

- Central Louisiana Technical Community College – Cottonport Extension Site
1:30 – 4:00 p.m.
508 Choupique Street, Highway 107
Main Building