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Tip^{of} the Week

Send a notice to your May 2004 grads that their grace period is almost over. Remind them that repayment begins soon. Offer to answer questions, or direct them to contact TG's counselors at (800) 338-4752.

TG updates

TG goes back to work for you after weekend move

Business as usual resumed this morning for TG after a successful weekend move to our new building. All customer support teams are available again by phone, fax, and e-mail. All TG solutions and tools came back online yesterday afternoon, ahead of schedule.

Thank you for your patience during our short break for the move. The new building will give TG room for many years of growth as we enhance and expand our services to families, students, schools, and lenders.



Don't let the empty parking lot fool you — the TG team is back and ready to serve you today from our new home. (The photo was taken before our move.)

Open house scheduled

TG has scheduled an open house and ribbon-cutting ceremony at the new building on October 29 at 10:30 a.m. CST. *Shoptalk Online* subscribers, business partners, and other friends of TG are invited to attend. Details on the event, the new building, and a map with directions to our new home can be found on *TG Online* at www.tgslc.org/openhouse/welcome.cfm.

Contact information updated

All TG phone numbers remain the same at our new building. Addresses and some fax numbers are changing, however. New addresses and fax numbers are listed on *TG Online* — just follow the “Contact Us” link at the top of any page or go directly to www.tgslc.org/abouttg/contact.cfm.

TG's address for overnight and courier deliveries remains the same for now:

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2929 Longhorn Blvd., Ste 106
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The team that receives overnight and courier deliveries at TG will move at a later date. Watch for an announcement on the new address in a future edition of *Shoptalk Online*.

Federal updates

ED announces two fall Electronic Access Conferences

ED will offer two Electronic Access Conferences this fall: the first session will be held in San Diego November 2-5, the second will be in New Orleans December 2-5.

Both Electronic Access Conferences will have the theme “Getting Aid Right.” Sessions are scheduled on the following topics and more:

- Delivering Aid in the 21st Century and Beyond
- Resolving Conflicts in Determining Student Eligibility
- Return of Title IV Funds
- Common Origination and Disbursements
- What Students Need to Know About Federal Student Aid
- FAA Access to CPS Online
- 2002-2003 Direct Loan Closeouts
- EDExpress Updates
- NSLDS Updates
- Benefits of Using XML
- CommonLine and the Common Record

More information

For more information on the Electronic Access Conferences, access ED's training announcement ANN-03-09 at www.ifap.ed.gov/dpcletters/ANN0309.html or go directly to FSA's conference site at <http://edeworkshop.ncspearson.com> for details on sessions and to register.

Order your 2004-2005 FAFSAs now

Ready to stock up on next year's FAFSA? ED has announced that schools can order both English and Spanish versions of the paper 2004-2005 FAFSA now using ED's Bulk Publication Ordering System (BPOS) at www.fsa4schools.ed.gov. You will need your 8-digit OPEID number when placing your order.

When is delivery expected?

ED expects to ship the paper FAFSAs by late October. The 2004-2005 version of FAFSA on the Web becomes available on January 1, 2004.

What else can be ordered?

The English and Spanish FAFSAs are not the only publications available through ED's Web site. Schools can also use the BPOS to order current-year *Student Guides* and other ED materials.

More information

The full announcement from ED — including guidance on determining the appropriate quantity for your institution (based on the number of applicants who completed the FAFSA electronically last year) — is available online at <http://ifap.ed.gov/eannouncements/1008OrderingBulkBPOS0405ACE.html>.

Closed school corner

Following is a list of newly reported school closures and error corrections from the Postsecondary Educational Participants System (PEPS) and from the September 2003 Closed School Monthly Report supplied by the Department of Education:

Newly reported closures

OPE School ID	School Name and Address	Unofficial Closure Date	ED's Official Closure Date
02100609	Apollo College 20 N. Michigan Ave. Chicago, IL 60602	N/A	7/13/1989
02063400	Gordon Phillips Beauty School 37 Garrett Rd. Upper Darby, PA 19082-2302	N/A	3/07/2003
03032900	Northwest Institute of Acupuncture & Oriental Medicine 14500 Juanita Dr. Kenmore, WA 98028-4966	N/A	6/23/2003

02360400	Shampoo Academy 2630 W. Britton Rd. Oklahoma City, OK 73120-4927	N/A	11/02/2001
02497306	Trinity College – Golden State Business College 939 Market St., 2 nd Floor San Francisco, CA 94103-1730	N/A	12/31/2001

Error corrections

OPE School ID	School Name and Address	Previously Reported Closure Date	ED's Official Closure Date
02194300*	Northeast Institute of Education 314 Adams Ave. Scranton, PA 18503	5/17/1996	2/20/1996
02497302**	Trinity College – Golden State Business College 620 Folsom San Francisco, CA 94107	12/30/1994	N/A

* A review by the Department of Education of the information proved that the school closed on this date.

** Based on new information provided by the school and the Accrediting Council for Continuing Education and Training (ACCET), the erroneous closure date of 12/30/94 was removed from Trinity College's additional location at 620 Folsom Street, San Francisco, CA (02497302). According to a school official, the 02 location was redesignated as the main campus on 12/30/94. Instruction was taught at the Folsom Street site until February 1998 when the site was moved to 939 Market Street, Second Floor, San Francisco, CA. ACCET, the California Bureau of Private Postsecondary and Vocational Education, and the U.S. Department of Education approved the change in location. Subsequent to the change of address, the location closed on 12/31/01 under the 06 designation.

This, that, and the other

The demand for education and the economic challenges facing state and federal budgets are on a collision course, according to a new study from the Education Commission of the States (ECS). "Closing the College Participation Gap" examines factors behind a growing college participation gap in the United States.

With the study, ECS has posted profiles documenting the extent of postsecondary education participation in each of the 50 states and in the nation as a whole. The profiles also address the conditions likely to influence access and participation.

The study and related state and national profiles are available online at www.communitycollegepolicy.org.



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