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during an exclusive interview with The Clarion. Henderson said that in addition to the mailroom, the staff lounge is moving, and a new office for Auxiliary Services is opening. The refurbishments have affected the relocation of the staff lounge from the right side to the left side of the mailroom. It was also made smaller. According to Henderson, the lounge was well used a great deal by staff. Thus the downsizing of space. The Auxiliary Services office will move from the main mail room to the old staff lounge used to be. This will allow Sylvia Wilson, the Auxiliary Services director, to be closer to the mailroom. Henderson said Auxiliary Services was looking for a bigger area and

the size of the old ones at four feet wide. Resilient floor will be put in to benefit mailroom employees who stand most of the day. Henderson said the new mailroom will feature more light for the mailroom staff. He explained that being "downgrade" or partially underground due to the slope of the landscape outside, average light makes you feel like you're in a dungeon. "We're going to overdo it on the light."

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Even the finish on the new walls has been matched to the original finish. Henderson said, "It's going to look like it was always here." He added that they wanted the students to feel proud of the school just



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mail postal service, overnight service as well as UPS services are offered through the mailroom. Any student, faculty or staff member can send mail through the mailroom.

The money for the renovation came from the Auxiliary Services budget. The mail-

pus include Dawson Hall where floors six and seven are under renovation due to a fire last semester. Also in Dawson Hall, life safety improvements will be made. Over the summer sprinkler systems will be installed on all floors. Henderson said the renovation is Auxiliary

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Missouri News

Volunteer campaign helps students 'get outside the education bubble'

The Missouri Department of Higher Education is urging students, faculty and staff from campuses around the state to volunteer their efforts to help Joplin recover from the devastating E5 tornado that destroyed almost one-third of the town May 22.

The slogan of the campaign, [Show Me U Care](#), is "Building Joplin's future ... campus by campus."

Commissioner of Higher Education [David Russell](#) traveled to Joplin soon after the tornado. "After the shock of seeing the destruction, it occurred to me that recovery would still be going on long after the first responders left," Russell said. "Fall semester is an ideal time for our colleges and universities to get involved helping Joplin rebuild."

The Missouri Department of Higher Education will send a contingent of 25 to 30 workers, their friends and families to help Habitat for Humanity construct 10 new homes in Joplin in November.

[Americorps](#) is the primary volunteer coordinator for Joplin rebuilding efforts. Kayla Potter, Americorps member, said the onset of cold weather makes volunteering in Joplin even more critical. Volunteers are needed to sort, catalog and distribute donated items; demolish structures; help with rebuilding and moving; clean up small debris; and many other tasks.

"Many partners are working together to help Joplin

recover and rebuild," Potter said. "We can use every hand available."

Caleb Smith is a film major at Evangel University in Springfield, which sent an orientation group of about 370 students to Joplin in May. Smith says students get a lot out of volunteer programs such as Show Me U Care. "It helps students actually get outside their little education bubble and do something for the larger community," Smith said.

To get involved in Show Me U Care, call Americorps at 417-625-3543 or visit <http://www.dhe.mo.gov/news/Show-Me-U-Care.php>



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National News

By Robert Powell, MDHE policy analyst



New Volumes of the 2011-12 FSA Handbook released

In October, the U. S. Department of Education released the following volumes of the 2011-12 Federal Student Aid Handbook.

Volume 3 – Calculating Awards & Packaging

Volume 4 – Processing Aid and Managing Federal Student Aid Funds

Volume 5 – Overawards, Overpayments, & Withdrawal Calculations

Previous volumes of the 2011-12 FSA Handbook can be found on the USDE's [IFAP](#) website.

Proposed rules issued for approving new programs

The USDE published a [Notice of Proposed Rulemaking](#) on Sept. 27. The stated purpose of the new rules is to streamline the process for adding and approving new Title IV programs. The deadline to

submit comments regarding the proposed rules is Nov. 14, 2011.

Common Manual Updates

The latest updates to the July 2011 reprint of the Common Manual are available:

Low Cohort Default Rate Exemptions from Multiple Disbursement and Delayed Delivery Requirements

Academic Competitiveness, National SMART, and TEACH Grant Programs

Additional Documentation Requested by the Guarantor



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Default Prevention

There are no articles available at this time. For more information regarding default prevention tools and resources, please visit www.dhe.mo.gov/ppc/studentloans/defaultprevention.php.



Training & Events

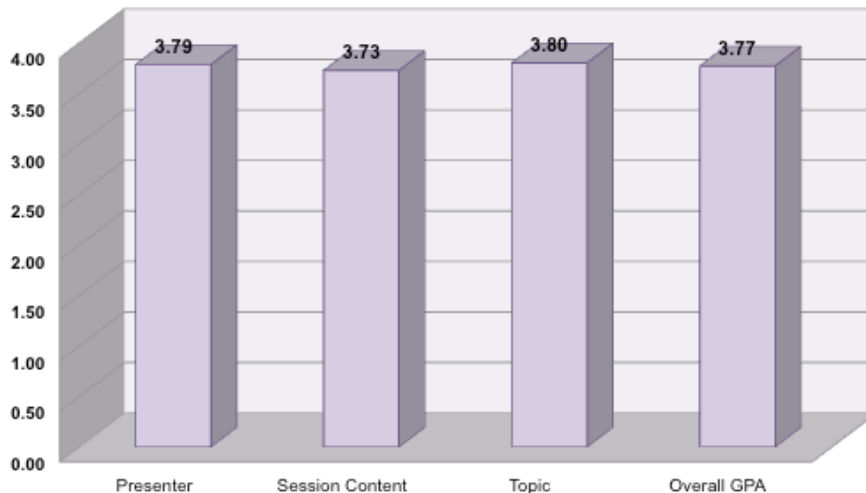
MDHE fall workshops foster partnerships

For the second year in a row, the Missouri Department of Higher Education invited a wide variety of professionals to join us at our [fall workshops](#). Like last year, the MDHE invited both financial aid officers and high school guidance counselors to attend. New for 2011, admissions counselors also attended. Effective partnerships between FAOs, admissions counselors, and high school guidance counselors help students smoothly make the transition from high school to college. So, the goal of the workshops was to bring together these key audiences who work with students in the postsecondary education pipeline.

As in recent years, the MDHE had a strong turnout at each of the four locations with around 250 total participants. In addition, evaluations from the workshops confirmed that attendees found the sessions valuable. Evaluation forms invited participants to “grade” the presenter, content, and topic of each session on a four point scale. The chart below presents the comprehensive evaluation results.

All presentations and handouts for 2011 workshops are available on the [MDHE's website](#).

2011 Fall Workshop GPAs





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Training & Events

MASFAP offers free NT4CM workshops

The [Missouri Association of Student Financial Aid Personnel](#) serves as Missouri's managing organization for the [National Training for Counselors and Mentors](#), a program of the U.S. Department of Education. The NT4CM workshops are free of charge, and Missouri's high school guidance counselors, [2012 FAFSA Frenzy site coordinators](#) who are not financial aid officers, and other college access professionals are invited to attend one of five locations:

- Nov. 14, St. Louis – workshop will be held on the campus of Saint Louis University
- Nov. 17, Columbia – workshop will be held on the campus of Columbia College
- Nov. 17, Springfield – workshop will be held on the campus of Missouri State University
- Nov. 18, Kansas City – workshop will be held at the Metropolitan Community College Business and Technology Center in northern Kansas City
- Nov. 18, Rolla – workshop will be held at Missouri University of Science and Technology

The workshops begin at 9 a.m. and are conducted by seasoned financial aid professionals as well as MDHE staff. The agenda includes the following topics:

- 9:00-9:20: Overview of Financial Aid Programs
- 9:20-9:40: Applying for Federal Financial Aid
- 9:40-10:10: Student Dependency Status

- 10:10- 10:25: Break
- 10:25-10:55: And the Number Is...
- 10:55-11:15: After the FAFSA
- 11:15-11:30: Searching For Scholarships
- 11:30-11:50: State and Institutional Aid
- 11:50-12:00: Conclusion

Online registration will be available soon. Watch the [MASFAP website](#) for news about registering for one of these workshops.



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What's New

Volunteer now for 2012 FAFSA Frenzy events

Help the Missouri Department of Higher Education in Building Missouri's future...by degrees by volunteering at one of the [49 2012 FAFSA Frenzy sites](#) across the state. These important events will assist Missouri's students and families in submitting their 2012-13 [FAFSA](#), helping them achieve their educational dreams. The strength of the FAFSA Frenzy events is in the dedicated volunteers willing to share their expertise, their time and their commitment. With events in 38 counties and spanning 11 dates, plenty of opportunities exist for you to volunteer at a location and time convenient for you.

A toll-free volunteer support line, courtesy of [MOHELA](#), will be available to assist sites on the main event date of Sunday, Feb. 12, by helping to answer any of the more sticky questions that invariably arise. This call center will rely on the help of seasoned financial aid volunteers from the St. Louis area.

To find the right opportunity for you, review the [complete list of sites](#), including the toll-free volunteer support line, or visit the MASFAP [Show-Me to College events database](#) to search by county, city, date, or other criteria.

You do not need to be a FAFSA expert to volunteer

If you are not an expert on the [FAFSA](#), you can still help. [FAFSA Frenzy sites need volunteers](#) to perform tasks such as staffing a registration table, directing

parking or setting up refreshments. Site coordinators at each 2012 FAFSA Frenzy site will determine event logistics and establish needed jobs accordingly. So, do not hesitate to volunteer, even if you are a newcomer to financial aid or are not familiar with the FAFSA.

If you are interested in volunteering at one of Missouri's 2012 FAFSA Frenzy sites and would like to receive line-by-line training on the [FAFSA](#), the national College Goal Sunday program is planning to offer free trainings in webinar format. Please look for additional information regarding these trainings in an upcoming issue of the *MDHE Digest*.

Site coordinator toolkit now available

The 2012 FAFSA Frenzy Site Coordinator Toolkit is now available online. If you are a site coordinator or interested in learning what a site coordinator does, download and review the toolkit at <http://www.dhe.mo.gov/ppc/collegegoalsundayFAO.php>.

If you have any questions regarding FAFSA Frenzy, you may contact [Jessie McCoy](#) or [Julie Meyer](#) (MASFAP Early Awareness Committee co-chairs) or [B.J. White](#), MDHE outreach services coordinator.



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2012 FAFSA Frenzy sites announced

In May, the Missouri Department of Higher Education opened its annual application process for postsecondary institutions, high schools and community organizations interested in serving as host sites for [2012 FAFSA Frenzy activities](#). Before the application cut-off date of Monday, Aug. 15, 2011, approximately 69 applications were sent in to the MDHE. For the 2012 FAFSA Frenzy program, sites were selected based on strategic criteria such as even distribution across the state, 2011 performance (if a repeat site) and other factors.

As a result, [49 sites](#) were approved to hosts FAFSA Frenzy events next year. Before being officially added to the 2012 site roster, site coordinators were asked to sign a Memorandum of Understanding, which requires site coordinators to carry out various duties associated with promoting, staffing and setting up FAFSA Frenzy events. 2012 FAFSA Frenzy site coordinators are also required to attend the MDHE's annual site coordinator meeting on Wednesday, Nov. 2.

The following sites were approved to host 2012 FAFSA Frenzy events:

County	Site
Adair	Kirkville Higher Education Center
Audrain	Mexico High School
Boone	Columbia Area Career Center
	Buchanan Missouri Western State University
	Butler Three Rivers College
	Callaway Fulton High School
	Cape Girar. Southeast Missouri State University
	Cass Belton High School
	Christian Sparta High School
	Clay MCC-Maple Woods
	Cole Lincoln University
	Cole Nichols Career Center
	Cooper Boonville High School
	Crawford Sullivan High School
	Dent Southwest Baptist University- Salem
	Greene Central High School
	Greene Republic High School
	Grundy North Central Missouri College
	Howell Missouri State University-WP
	Jackson Grandview High School
	Jackson Herndon Career Center
	Jackson MCC-Blue River
	Jackson Rockhurst University
	Jasper Missouri Southern State University
	Lafayette Odessa High School
	Lafayette Wentworth Military Academy
	Miller Eldon High School
	Moniteau California High School
	Nodaway Northwest Missouri State University
	Pettis State Fair Community College
	Phelps Rolla High School
	Pike Pike-Lincoln Technical Center
	Polk Bolivar High School
	Randolph Moberly Area Community College
	Saline Slater High School
	Scott Southeast Missouri State University
	Shelby South Shelby High School
	St. Charles Orchard Farm High School
	St. Francois Mineral Area College
	St. Louis DeVry University
	St. Louis Harris-Stowe State University



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St. Louis	MOHELA
St. Louis	Ritenour High School
St. Louis	South Technical High School
St. Louis	St. Louis Community College - Harrison Education Center
St. Louis	St. Louis Community College - Wildwood
Taney	College of the Ozarks
Washington	Potosi High School
Webster	Seymour High School

For additional information regarding the physical location and time of these events, please visit the MDHE website at <http://www.dhe.mo.gov/ppc/ffsites.php>. Or, if you are interested in serving as a 2012 FAFSA Frenzy volunteer, please complete the [online volunteer application](#) today. Other questions regarding Missouri's 2012 FAFSA Frenzy program may be directed to [Jessie McCoy](#) or [Julie Meyer](#) (MASFAP Early Awareness Committee co-chairs) or [B.J. White](#), MDHE outreach services coordinator.

DESE 2011-12 Missouri School Directory now available

The Missouri Department of Higher Education recently learned that the 2011-12 Missouri School Directory is now available to view online at <http://dese.mo.gov/directory>.

The new format will ensure up-to-date information is at your fingertips all year long. Much of the directory is powered by the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education's new Missouri Comprehensive Data System and will be refreshed on a weekly basis.

As before, the online directory will continue to provide key information about Missouri schools. In addition to contact information and school statistics, the directory now provides links to school and district websites.

In addition to online viewing, school directory information generated in the MCDS can be downloaded and saved in a variety of formats, including Excel, Word, and PDF. A comprehensive PDF version of school information is also available for quick reference. Individuals wishing to print pages from the directory can print all or portions of it as needed.

Inquiries regarding the 2011-12 Missouri School Directory may be forwarded to dsm@dese.mo.gov.



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Compliance Q&A

There are no compliance questions and answers to share at this time. For information regarding Missouri Department of Higher resources used to tackle compliance issues, please visit www.dhe.mo.gov/ppc/studentloans/compliance.php.



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Staff News

There are no staff updates to report at this time.



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Financial Literacy

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