2012 Conference on Financial Literacy for College Success

June 14, 2012

High school and college administrators, counselors, and teachers are invited to the 2012 Conference on Financial Literacy for College Success to be held Thursday and Friday, June 21-22, at the Wichita Hyatt Regency.

The conference is sponsored by the Financial Literacy Project at Wichita State University.

All conference events and meals are free to conference attendees. Participants will share ideas and learn of efforts to equip students with practical financial skills and overall strategies for college success.

Topics include the impact of student debt, alternative sources of funds for college, sources of debt to avoid, setting financial goals and student success indicators.

A highlight of the conference will be the keynote address by Dr. Constance Staley, Professor of Communication and Director, First Year Seminar at the University of Colorado, Colorado Springs. Dr. Staley is a leading authority on helping students make a successful transition to college. Her topic will be "Invest in Your Future: Getting the Returns You Want from College".

College-bound high school students and their parents are invited to attend the keynote speech and associated dinner, free of charge. Following the dinner, from 7:00-8:00 p.m., there will be a workshop geared to college financial planning for students and parents.

There is no charge for conference attendees, parents, or students for the dinner and workshop, but seats are limited. Make your reservation by calling (316) 978-6493 or going to www.wichita.edu/conferences and clicking on the "2012 Conference on Financial Literacy for College Success" link.

There is a special post-conference workshop: Exploring the Practical Details of Teaching Financial Literacy. Following the main conference, join your colleagues for a working lunch and two hours of collaborative, "hands on" sessions geared to equipping participants with ideas and resources to implement effective financial literacy instruction in high school or college classes and programs. You will form a network of collaborators to draw on in the future and receive a binder of lesson plans, in-class activities and other assignments you can use with your students. The cost of the post-conference workshop will be \$50.

The deadline to sign up for this conference is Monday, June 18th.

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More information about the Financial Literacy Program, including helpful information for college-bound students and their parents, is available at www.mycollegemoneyplan.org or by calling (316) 978-3221.