

OKLAHOMA COLLEGE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

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EXECUTIVE MANAGEMENT TEAM

MELISSA NEAL

Executive Director

Melissa Neal provides strategic leadership for the agency and oversees all operational, fiduciary, regulatory and educational functions. Prior to her current role, Melissa served as our Educational Services Manager, leading OCAP's Training Department and Oklahoma Money Matters as they worked together to expand and strengthen educational services for college campuses, students and community organizations.

ANGELA CADDELL

Associate Vice Chancellor for Communications, Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education

Angela Caddell manages all corporate communications, marketing and public relations; oversees Oklahoma Money Matters, the state system financial education program and UCanGo2, OCAP's college access outreach program; and cultivates a network of campus and community partnerships and outreach initiatives to promote college access, college planning, aid awareness and financial literacy.

KELLI KELNAR

Assistant Director for Outreach Services

Kelli Kelnar manages OCAP's outreach services initiative, including UCanGo2 and StartwithFAFSA, OCAP's college planning and financial aid programs, and Oklahoma Money Matters and Ready Set Repay, OCAP's financial literacy and student loan management programs. She also oversees OKcollegestart, the state's one-stop portal for college planning, career exploration, financial aid and scholarships, and one of Oklahoma's free platforms for Individual Career Academic Plan (ICAP) administration.

RICK SYKORA

Director for Financial & System Services and Chief Financial Officer

Rick Sykora oversees the agency's financial reporting and accounting operations, claims review processing, and recovery of defaulted loans, including ongoing efforts to help borrowers in default transition to successful repayment. Rick currently serves as a member of the National Council of Higher Education Resources (NCHER) CFO caucus and participates on various NCHER workgroups.

ABOUT OCAP

The Oklahoma College Assistance Program (OCAP), an operating division of the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education formerly known as the Oklahoma Guaranteed Student Loan Program (OGSLP), was founded by the State Legislature in 1965 as Oklahoma's designated guarantor for the Federal Family Education Loan Program (FFELP).

OCAP provides college access, aid awareness, financial literacy and student loan management programs and services that benefit students, parents, schools, and community partners. Our mission is to bring higher education within reach for all Oklahoma students; our commitment to this purpose is strengthened by our unparalleled service to constituents and industry partners and our innovative college planning, financial education and default prevention initiatives.

WHO WE WERE

For more than 55 years, we've guaranteed, or insured, lenders against default, bankruptcy, disability or death of student loan borrowers, serving as the designated FFELP guarantor for Oklahoma students and postsecondary institutions. Although the FFELP ended on June 30, 2010, and we no longer guarantee new FFELP loans, we remain a guarantor for FFELP loans issued prior to July 1, 2010.

An initiative of the U.S. Department of Education, the FFELP was a unique partnership in which private, nonprofit and state-based lenders made federally-guaranteed education loans to students and parents, making the dream of college a reality for more than 60 million Americans since its inception.

WHO WE ARE

Since the FFELP ended on June 30, 2010, we've expanded our existing college access, aid awareness, financial literacy, student loan management, and default prevention services for all Oklahoma students. We maintain our existing loan guaranty portfolio and continue to support existing FFELP borrowers in the state, and we're proud to help make higher education and successful student loan repayment a reality for Oklahomans.