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**People News**

Kim Cook is now  
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Director at SWOSU.

Dana Livingston is  
now Director of  
Student Affairs at  
OSU-COM.

**PLUS MPN Deadline...It's Later Than You Think!**

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**ED Provides Disaster Guidance**

In Dear Colleague Letter (DCL) GEN-04-04 ED provides guidance to all Title IV participants in the event they are impacted by a federally declared disaster. >> [Read more on disaster guidance.](#)

**Common Manual News - Policy Modification**

The Common Manual Governing Board recently approved changes that modified policies contained in the July 2003 version of the Common Manual. These changes are identified in OGSLP's Common Manual Update (CM-82).

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**NSLDS E-mail Address Has Changed**

Effective March 8, 2004, the e-mail address for NSLDS Customer Service is [NSLDS@pearson.com](mailto:NSLDS@pearson.com). This reflects the change in contractors and ensures that all inquiries are routed to the correct support team.

[NSLDS@pearson.com](mailto:NSLDS@pearson.com) replaced both the [NSLDScoe@raytheon.com](mailto:NSLDScoe@raytheon.com) and [NSLDSccc@raytheon.com](mailto:NSLDSccc@raytheon.com) addresses.

Should you have questions, contact NSLDS at 1.800.999.8219.



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**ED Notices**

**Deadlines for Receipt of Applications, Reports and Other Records for the 2003-04 Award Year**

ED has announced deadline dates for the receipt of documents and other information from institutions and applicants for aid under the Title IV programs for the 2003-2004 award year.

This [Federal Register Notice](#) includes two tables. (Please note: [these tables are only viewable via the PDF version.](#)) Table A provides deadlines for application processing, including corrections, and, for purposes of the Pell Program, receipt by institutions of SARs or ISIRs.

Table B provides the deadline dates for institutions to submit Pell disbursement records to ED's Common Origination and Disbursement (COD) System.

**Proposed Changes to the 2005-2006 FAFSA**

ED has announced that the first draft of the proposed 2005-2006 FAFSA is available for comment until May 11, 2004. The [Federal Register Notice](#) announcing the 60-day public comment period was posted on March 12.

You may also view [ED's Electronic Announcement](#) which includes a link to the proposed 2005-2006 FAFSA.



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### **Mapping Your Future Highlights**

#### **Online Student Loan Counseling (OSLC) E-News**

[Mapping Your Future](#) is offering OSLC E-News, a twice-monthly, electronic newsletter that provides the latest information about Mapping Your Future's OSLC. The OSLC E-News also answers policy and regulatory questions and provides additional information about services and events on Mapping Your Future.

You may subscribe to the OSLC E-News by logging on to the Financial Aid Office Access page at [www.mappingyourfuture.org/fap/](http://www.mappingyourfuture.org/fap/). After logging in, locate the subscription box in the lower right corner of the home page in the News channel. Simply enter your e-mail address and click "subscribe." Mapping Your Future will send an e-mail confirmation of your subscription.

If you do not have an OSLC account, you may use the MYF sample school logon of 000000 (six zeroes) as the user ID and password, or e-mail [beth.ziehmer@mappingyourfuture.org](mailto:beth.ziehmer@mappingyourfuture.org) and make a subscription request.

If you have questions about [Mapping Your Future](#), please contact OGSLP's Client Relations department at [clientrelations@ogslp.org](mailto:clientrelations@ogslp.org).

#### **Student Loan Default Prevention Chat on April 6, 2004**

Borrowers wanting to delay student loan payments due to economic hardship or other reasons will benefit from an interactive chat on [Mapping Your Future](#).

This "Student Loan Default Prevention" live chat, scheduled for April 6 from 2 p.m. to 3 p.m., provides a unique opportunity to receive information about preventing loan default.

During this chat, participants will learn about:

- The application process for deferment or forbearance
- Deferment types
- Deferment options
- Deferment eligibility

To join in the chat, individuals must go to [www.mappingyourfuture.org](http://www.mappingyourfuture.org) and select the Chat session. Simple instructions will guide participants on how to join the event. Students and parents can pre-register and choose to have a reminder sent a few days before the event.

OGSLP and other FFELP industry partners sponsor [Mapping Your Future](#).



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**Qs and As**

**Where can I find the 2004 poverty guidelines?**

The [2004 poverty guidelines](#) used to determine eligibility for some Title VII Student Aid Programs as well as Economic Hardship Deferments are now available. The updated Economic Hardship deferment form is also available on our Web site.

**How can I keep up with higher education news in Oklahoma?**

Bookmark the OSRHE Web site [www.okhighered.org](http://www.okhighered.org). Not only will you have access to the news center, you will also have access to "Gear Up" information, and student publications.

**An independent student has borrowed a graduate student loan in the Federal Stafford Loan Program. The student is now classified by her school as an undergraduate. She has not borrowed as an undergraduate. Can she borrow as an undergraduate and, if so, how much?**

The student is eligible to borrow as an undergraduate student assuming she has not reached the overall aggregate (\$138,500 total, of which no more than \$65,500 can be subsidized) while borrowing at the graduate level. For example, the undergraduate aggregate subsidized maximum is \$23,000; if the student has borrowed more than \$42,500 in the subsidized loan program as a graduate, she would not be eligible to borrow the full \$23,000 undergraduate subsidized maximum.

The actual amount she is eligible to borrow for the loan period is based on the cost of attendance established by the financial aid office, her academic classification, and any other financial aid she may be receiving. Her maximum eligibility would be \$10,500 for the loan period.



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Important stuff:

- Clients must use the PLUS MPN for all Federal PLUS Loans for loan periods beginning on or after July 1, 2004, or for any loan certified on or after July 1, 2004, regardless of the loan period.
- PLUS MPN is designed for a parent borrower to use as a multi-year note for one dependent student.
- If the parent borrower, the dependent student, or the lender changes, a new PLUS MPN is required.
- The parent borrower, the school or the lender may request that a new PLUS MPN be signed for each new loan period.

If you have PLUS MPN questions, please contact OGSLP's Policy Implementation, Training and Communications division at [pct@ogslp.org](mailto:pct@ogslp.org).



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**ED Provides Disaster Guidance**

In [Dear Colleague Letter \(DCL\) GEN-04-04](#) ED provides guidance to all Title IV participants in the event they are impacted by a federally declared disaster.

Regulatory relief can be provided to participants who, at the time of a disaster, were residing in, employed in, or attending an institution located in a declared disaster area. This information is available by date of declaration on the Federal Emergency Management Agency's (FEMA) Web site at [www.fema.gov/disasters](http://www.fema.gov/disasters).

ED advises that if a school, lender or guarantee agency qualifies for relief, it must document any alternative process or procedures used to maintain Title IV program compliance. Schools are encouraged to contact their respective Case Management Team representative if additional relief is needed. Lenders and guaranty agencies should contact the appropriate regional staff of the Federal Student Aid Financial Partners Channel.

This guidance supplements the 2003-2004 Federal Student Aid Handbook, as well as Disaster Letter 99-28, published in August 1999, which provided separate guidance to lenders and guaranty agencies on the treatment of borrowers who have been affected by a disaster. The guidance in [DCL GEN 04-04](#) will be incorporated into the 2004-2005 Federal Student Aid Handbook.