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Annual High School Counselor Workshop
Co-sponsored by New York State Higher Education Services Corporation and
New York State Financial Aid Administrator's Association
St. Bonaventure University
Doyle Trustees Room
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New York State Higher Education Services Corporation (HESC) is the state student financial aid agency that helps students and their families pay for college. HESC administers the State's Federal College Access Challenge Grant (CACG). CACG funds are aimed at increasing the number of low-income students who are prepared to enter and succeed in postsecondary education. This professional development training is supported by a CACG grant and jointly hosted by HESC and NYSFAAA.

New York State Financial Aid Administrators Association (NYSFAAA) is a charitable volunteer association of financial aid professionals advocating for, and promoting equal access to post secondary education for all students.

Agenda

8:30am - 9:00am **Registration and Full Breakfast Buffet**

9:00am - 9:05am **Welcome and Introductions**
Troy Martin, St. Bonaventure University

9:05am - 10:15am **State and Federal Updates**
Joe Gorman, NYS Higher Education Services Corporation
Dan Tramuta, SUNY Fredonia

Learn what changes are expected to federal and state financial aid programs for the 2016-2017 award year. Get information on the recently created NYS Achievement and Investment in Merit Scholarship (NY-AIMS) and see what changes to anticipate to the 2016-2017 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) including the new FSA ID which provides access to Federal Student Aid's online system and serves as a legal signature for the FAFSA.

10:15am - 10:30am **Break**

10:30am - 11:00am **Helpful Website to Guide Students through the Financial Aid Process**
Troy Martin, St. Bonaventure University

Do you have students at risk of not attending college because they are not getting the right information on how to pay for college? Do you have parents who struggle to make it to financial aid nights? This session will provide helpful websites that students and families can use to assist them with the financial aid process. You'll learn how to help your students apply for student financial aid, next steps after your student applies, and much more. This session will provide you with helpful resources that will ensure your college bound students take the important step toward success.

11:00am - 11:45am **Panel Discussion on Prior-Prior Year Income Data for the FAFSA**
Dan Tramuta - Assoc VP for Enrollment Management, SUNY Fredonia
Bernie Valento, VP for Enrollment Management, St. Bonaventure
Laurie Vorp, Executive Director Student Finance and Records, Jamestown Community College

President Obama recently signed an executive order that beginning with the 2017-18 school year, the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) will be filed using prior-prior year tax information. With the new regulations, families will be able to file a FAFSA earlier; more easily complete a FAFSA, and receive earlier notification of financial aid award packages. This new FAFSA policy is a game-changer in the admissions and financial aid world. It will fundamentally change the college decision calendar. It will have far-reaching implications on earlier institutional decisions for cost-setting, financial aid packaging, visit schedules, appeals, etc. A panel of financial aid and admissions professionals will discuss the new process and how it will impact your students and families.

11:45am - 12:45pm **Special Circumstances and Financial Aid**
Jane Gilliland, Alfred State

Learn how to advise students and families that don't fit into the usual financial aid circumstances. Undocumented students, homeless students, youth in care, and same-sex parents all have options under federal and state financial aid programs. Make sure you are providing meaningful guidance and know where to find additional support and answers for these populations.

12:45pm **Ask the Experts and Closing Remarks**

Financial aid experts will be available for any additional questions.
Thank you for participating in today's professional development workshop.