

# LOSFA IN THE NEWS

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## LOSFA Mentions

### MJ Foster Promise Program



Named after former Louisiana Governor Mike J. Foster, the MJ Foster Promise Program is a new \$10.5 million annual state fund that will provide financial support for students to earn credentials that align to high-demand jobs in these growing industry sectors.

The M.J. Foster Promise Program will be administered by the Board of Regents (BOR) through the Louisiana Office of Student Financial Assistance (LOSFA). The program will be available to all Louisiana residents (21 years or older), with individual student awards available on a first-come, first-served basis.

All public two-year postsecondary institutions in Louisiana are eligible training providers as well as accredited proprietary schools licensed by the BOR.

Click [here](#) to view a list of eligible institutions.

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## Will making the FAFSA more ‘fun’ help get Pell grants into students’ pockets?

Tireka Cobb - Director of Field Outreach Services, Ebony Holmes - Director of Public Information and Advising, and other members of LOSFA’s Student Engagement and College Access, Success, and Communications divisions spoke with the Hechinger Report on how Louisiana ranks as one of the top states with high FAFSA completion rates.

“You know, sports and food here in the South. We love sports and food,” said Tireka Cobb, field outreach services director with the Louisiana Office of Student Financial Assistance.

Louisiana trained staffers and added support so that school counselors weren’t figuring it out alone. The state deployed workers from the Office of Student Financial Assistance and the Department of Education to travel around the state and help run events to help families complete the application. During the pandemic, they ran virtual workshops and offered one-on-one support via Zoom.

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## Social Media



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*National School*  
COUNSELING WEEK

Thank you for your diligence and commitment to serving our students of Louisiana.

With your dedication, we are able to make a difference in the lives of students across the state.

LOSFA celebrates National School Counseling Week and shows appreciation to the hard work Louisiana's school counselors do for students. The goal of National School Counseling Week is to focus public attention on the unique contribution of school counselors within U.S. school systems. National School Counseling Week, sponsored by ASCA, highlights the tremendous impact school counselors can have in helping students achieve school success and plan for a career. National School Counseling Week is always celebrated the first full week in February.

[\*Learn more about National School Counseling Week\*](#)



## Other Related News



### **Congratulations to Chair Temple! Collis Temple III sworn in as Board of Regents Chair**

Collis B. Temple III of Baton Rouge was sworn in as Chair of the Board of Regents, sharing with the members his continued support for expanding dual enrollment, promoting equity and diversity across initiatives, and driving engagement with business and industry leaders to better align higher education with the state's workforce needs.

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### **Congratulations, Commissioner Kim Hunter Reed!**





Dr. Kim Hunter Reed, Louisiana's Commissioner of Higher Education, was one of three appointed at-large members to the National Council for Community and Education Partnerships (NCCEP) Board of Directors this year. NCCEP is a national non-profit, non-partisan organization that works to increase access to higher education for low-income students.

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## Digital SAT Brings Student-Friendly Changes to Test Experience

Starting in 2024, the Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT) will be delivered digitally. Among other changes, the SAT time will be cut from three hours to two hours while adding more time for questions.

The assessments will continue to be administered in a school or in a test center with a proctor present – not at home. Students will still have access to free practice resources on Khan Academy. And students taking the SAT Suite will continue to connect to scholarships and the College Board National Recognition Programs.

Among the changes: the digital SAT will be shorter – about two hours instead of three for the current SAT, with more time per question.

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## Shreveport-based school offering digital media education across the country

The Louisiana Board of Regents (BOR) approved the expansion of the Digital Media Institute (DMI) across the State of Louisiana. This expansion helps students enroll in DMI's Animation, Visual Effects, and Interactive Content (AVEI) in a one-year certificate program.

The expansion to the three schools is funded in part by Louisiana Economic Development's Entertainment Development Fund to provide workforce development programs in digital media for the state. DMI encourages everyone to start with FAFSA during the application process as some students are eligible to receive state-based aid such as TOPS.

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## About LOSFA

The Louisiana Office of Student Financial Assistance (LOSFA), a program of the Louisiana Board of Regents, strives to be Louisiana's first choice for college access by promoting, preparing for and providing equity of college access.



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