



## CSLF School Counselor eNews

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### Spread the Word! College Goal Sunday - Feb. 10, 2008

Do you know any students who need help completing their FAFSA? Send them to College Goal Sunday! This Sunday, from 1:30 - 4:30, college financial aid professionals have volunteered their time to assist students with the completion of the financial aid forms. The event will take place at six sites throughout Connecticut including:

- \* Capital Community College in Hartford
- \* Gateway Community College in New Haven
- \* Housatonic Community College in Bridgeport
- \* The New London Science and Technology Magnet School
- \* Norwalk Community College in Norwalk
- \* Wesleyan University in Middletown

In addition to having their FAFSAs completed, College Goal Sunday participants will also have a chance to win a \$500 scholarship from one of the program sponsors including the Connecticut Student Loan Foundation.

In order for the volunteers to assist students with their FAFSA, they will need to bring the following information:

- Social Security numbers or Alien registration numbers (parents and students)
- Driver's license number (student)
- 2007 W-2 or end of year paystub (student and parents)
- Most current tax returns (student and parents)
- Current information on savings and investments.

For more information, please advise students to visit the website at [www.collegegoalsundayct.org](http://www.collegegoalsundayct.org) or call the toll free number, (888) 277-2270.

### All Connecticut Students Should KnowHow2Go

There are many students who dream of going to college but some have no idea how to begin. They may have no family member who has ever gone to college and no one they can talk to about how to get started. Others assume that they simply can not afford to go to college. A group of dedicated educators and community groups have been hard at work to change these perceptions. The result of their efforts is the new, student friendly, website,

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[www.KnowHow2GoConnecticut.org](http://www.KnowHow2GoConnecticut.org). Students can click onto this site and find information about all of Connecticut's colleges and universities. In one easy click, they can find out what high school courses they should be taking to stay on track for college and information about college entrance exams. The website also contains up-to-date information on financial aid and encourages all students to apply.

One of the best features of the site is the 'Ask an Advisor' link. Student can e-mail a question directly to the Education and Employment Information Center at the Connecticut Department of Higher Education and one of their trained professionals will respond.

Please consider adding this link to your school's website. The information on the website can help a student's dream become a reality. For more information regarding the KnowHow2Go initiative, you can contact Ann Gaulin, at the Connecticut Department of Higher Education at [ann.gaulin@ct.gov](mailto:ann.gaulin@ct.gov).

**About Connecticut Student Loan Foundation** - The Connecticut Student Loan Foundation is a non-profit corporation that administers, guarantees, and finances loans within the Federal Family Education Loan Program (FFELP) and alternative student loan programs. CSLF promotes access to higher education by helping students and their families plan for and pursue a postsecondary education. CSLF has more than 40 years of experience providing assistance to students, parents, and industry partners.

**About Invest in your Future** – Invest in your Future (IF), CSLF's college planning services division, provides free outreach services regarding college planning and the financial aid process. The IF program is designed to promote college access and awareness, and includes a college planning resources center and library, a toll-free hotline, community presentations, materials distribution, online resources, and much more.