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NEW GRANT SPECIALIST

Our new grant specialist is Tegan McGillivray and she started with HEAB on September 26. Tegan replaces Deanna Schulz who transferred to another state agency. We are happy that she has joined our staff. Tegan's responsibilities include Wisconsin Grant Private Non-profit and Tribal; Minority Undergraduate Grant – Private and Technical; Minority Teacher Loan; Primary Care and Psychiatrist Shortage Grant; and the John R Justice Grant program. Tegan's e-mail is TeganS.McGillivray@wi.gov and her phone number is 608-267-2212.

DON'T FORGET TO GET YOUR REFUNDS IN!

Please be sure to get your refunds processed so the funds can be redistributed. The refund information goes to: HEABmail@wisconsin.gov.

TECHNICAL EXCELLENCE SCHOLARSHIP UPDATE

The programming for the Technical Excellence scholarship has been completed and we processed fund requests on the voucher that was run on Friday, October 14. Those funds should be available on Wednesday, October 19. Please let us know if you have any questions and thank you for your patience as we completed this project.

COLLEGE AFFORDABILITY & STUDENT DEBT WEBSITE

The Department of Financial Institutions (DFI) has launched a new website that focuses on college affordability and student debt – www.lookforwardwi.gov. The new site is part of DFI's student debt initiative which was announced this spring by Governor Scott Walker and is being led by Cheryl Weiss. This effort will focus on – providing students and parents with access to information about the importance of planning for college; working with key partners and stakeholders to link distressed student loan borrowers and current students with resources and access to financial education and counseling/coaching; developing and implementing an outreach program to schools to inform students, parents, and educators about appropriate debt management, investment, and educational options to help students maximize their human capital; assisting current and future student loan borrowers with inquiries and direct them to information and applicable resources and coordinating with the Governor's

Council on Financial Literacy to explore effective ways to promote the importance of career and college readiness and the decision-making process, and identify and promote best practices.

SECOND SEMESTER VOUCHER REQUESTS

Second semester voucher requests can be uploaded to the secure site beginning Monday, November 28 and will be processed on Friday, Dec 2.

NOTIFICATION LIST 16-17

Distributed Wednesday afternoons:
October 5, 12, 19, and 26.
November 2, 9, 16, and 30

NOTIFICATION LIST 16-17 AES

October 19 and November 16

NOTIFICATION LIST 16-17 Technical Excellence

October 29, November 3, November 17, and December 1

Please look for the schedule online at: <http://www.heab.wi.gov/finaid.html>

VOUCHER PROCESSING

Tuesdays and Fridays for files uploaded by noon

October: 4, 7, 11, 14, 18, and 28. November 1, 4, 8, 11, 15, 18, and 29.

Vouchers will not be processed on Friday, October 21; Tuesday, October 25, November 22 or 25.

Please check our Webpage for current Notification List and Voucher Processing Schedules.

<http://www.heab.wi.gov/finaid.html>

GRANT UPDATES

16-17 COMMITTED AND SPENT as of 10/11/16

| | <u>Current</u> | <u>This Time Last Year</u> |
|---|----------------|--------------------------------|
| <u>Wisconsin Grant – Private, Non-Profit</u> | | |
| Committed | 152.29% | 161.98% |
| Spent | 40.76% | 43.53% |
| <u>Wisconsin Grant - Tribal (W codes 10/5/16)</u> | | |
| Committed | 192.08% | 190.27% |
| Spent | 52.62 % | 58.68% |
| <u>Wisconsin Grant – UW</u> | | |
| Committed | 110.85% | 122.83% |
| Spent | 42.20% | 46.60% |
| <u>Wisconsin Grant – Technical (W codes 7/19/16)</u> | | |
| Committed | 169.63% | 180.66% |
| Spent | 51.54% | 58.22% |

UPCOMING EVENTS

Scheduled HEAB Board Meetings: November 9, 2016, February 24, 2017, April 21, 2017 and July 28, 2017.

HEAB Training Dates: November 17 and January 19

HEAB conducts one-day training programs for new and continuing financial aid administrators. The training session covers all aspects of the programs administered by HEAB, including:

Goals of State Aid; *Eligibility for State Aid*; The Notification List; *The Voucher Process*; Return of State Funds; *Submitting and Receiving Data to/from HEAB*; Overviews of the Individual HEAB Programs

The program begins at 10:00 a.m. and ends no later than 3:00 p.m. It is held at the HEAB offices at 131 W. Wilson St, Suite 902, Madison, WI. We have room for up to 6 people at each session. Please let us know if you are coming to training as materials are printed based on the number of people attending. To register for a session or for more information, please contact Nancy Wilkison at (608) 267-2213 or email her at nancy.wilkison@wi.gov.

Please contact me by phone at (608) 264-6181 or by email at john.reinemann@wisconsin.gov if you have any questions, concerns or comments. Thank you!