

President Obama Commencement Address at the University of Michigan ●●●●●●

OBAMA DELIVERED THE
KEYNOTE SPEECH IN ANN
ARBOR, MI ON MAY 1, 2010.

It is great to be here in the Big House — (applause) — and so may I say, “Go Blue!” (Applause.) I thought I’d go for the cheap applause line to start things off. (Laughter.)

Good afternoon, President Coleman, the Board of Trustees, to faculty, parents, family and friends of the class of 2010. (Applause.) Congratulations on your graduation, and thank you for allowing me the honor of being a part of it. (Applause.)...

To hear President Obama’s entire speech visit: www.whitehouse.gov

The main themes were the role of government in our lives and the keys to preservation of democracy. One of those keys to the preservation of democracy, Obama told the graduates, is to “contribute part of your life to the life of this country.”



this issue

- Letter from the President **P.1**
College News **P.1-3**
MASFSA Members/News **P.3-4**
Perkins Updates **P.4**

Letter from the 2010-2011 MASFSA President

MASFSA MEMBERS,

Hello and welcome to the seventh year of the MASFSA organization. Old and new members both share memories of learning and networking with sister schools and educational industry leaders that specialize in offering solutions tailored to our specific needs. So fondly we remember the leadership of the past and look forward to trailblazing events in the future. Each year MASFSA is better and brighter. MASFSA 2010-2011 will strive to take advantage of technology in new ways. Thanks to all of our members that visited our “Facebook” page and submitted responses to the electronic survey. Continue to visit MASFSA “Facebook” for featured members and schools. MASFSA’s Listserve will continue to offer answers to “How is it done at your institution?” and postings for career opportunities.

Even as this letter is being typed the board members are meeting to start preparations for the MASFSA Lansing 2011 Conference. MASFSA is planning informative, professional development and group building sessions. MASFSA is looking to build our ranks through membership drives that will focus on school contact through electronic and paper mailings.

Look for the MASFSA newsletter and send articles about the happenings at your school. Please keep in touch with your counterparts that you networked with at the Traverse City 2010 MASFSA conference, and keep us posted on process improvements at your colleges. MASFSA wants to know the exceptional vendors that stand out throughout the school year. Tell us what services vendors offer to help you succeed at your school.

Warmest regards,

RHONDA JOHNSON
2010-2011 MASFSA PRESIDENT
HENRY FORD COMMUNITY COLLEGE



Wayne State President Noren Resigns ●●●●●●●●

JAY NOREN RESIGNED ON
AUGUST 6, 2010

Noren, who succeeded former President Irvin D. Reid, made the announcement in an all-campus e-mail. Noren said in a statement that "personal issues this past year have become increasingly important and have resulted in my decision to resign from the presidency." Noren's wife, Sheri, was diagnosed with breast cancer this past year.

BOG Chair, Richard Bernstein, speaking on behalf of the governors, responded to the news in a press release: "Under Jay's leadership, we have grown our enrollment amid daunting economic challenges and helped raise our stature as a premier urban research university," the release read. "The university community thanks Dr. Noren for his service, but fully understands his decision to step down. We wish Jay and Sheri the very best."

As mentioned in Bernstein's statement, Noren's legacy will be tied to contributions to the medical and research fields, such as a new contract with the Detroit Medical Center and new expansions and buildings on campus. Bernstein also credited Noren for his continued efforts on the University Research Corridor partnership and TechTown.

Dr. Phyllis Vroom, dean of the School of Social Work and acting provost, will be acting president, pending the board's appointment of an interim president.



"The university community thanks Dr. Noren for his service but fully understands his decision to step down. We wish Jay and Sheri the very best."

- Richard Bernstein, *BOG Chair*

College News

Madonna University Awarded Gold Status for Environmentally- Friendly Building



Madonna University's commitment to developing a sustainable and eco-friendly campus was recognized July 26 when the U.S. Green Building Council awarded Gold level LEED® (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) certification for the University's new, 60,000 sq. ft. Franciscan Center. The LEED certification was verified by the Green Building Certification Institute (GBCI).

The Franciscan Center includes an array of environmentally-friendly and energy-efficient features, such as motion-detecting lights and natural lighting, waterless urinals and low-flush toilets, recycled and environmentally-friendly materials, and storm water diversion.

"The Madonna University project efficiently uses our natural resources and makes an immediate, positive impact on our planet, which will tremendously benefit future

generations," said Rick Fedrizzi, President, CEO & Founding Chair, U.S. Green Building Council.

First Lady Visits Wayne State University

First Lady Michelle Obama addressed more than 5,000 people seeking a glimpse on the morning of June 2. Obama focused her attention on student educational growth but also recognized the challenges present. Mrs. Obama shifted to a more positive outlook and offered hope to future leaders.



"THE SIMPLEST AND SUREST WAY FOR YOU TO LIVE UP TO THAT POTENTIAL IS TO DO JUST ONE THING, AND THAT'S TO KEEP FOCUSING ON YOUR EDUCATION."

Obama was preceded by a special gathering of local politicians, area business leaders and famous celebrities including "Magic" Johnson, who led the forum, and famed film producer Spike Lee.

The forum sought to re-engage a metropolitan area of students and leaders who have lost direction over the years. The fundamental basics of education and leadership potential appeared to be key in instructing a new generation of leaders.

Saginaw Valley State University Dedication for Health & Human Services

Saginaw Valley State University held a dedication ceremony for its Health and Human Services Building Monday, Aug. 16 at 10 a.m.

The \$28 million facility has nearly 90,000 sq. ft. for 12 classrooms, 13 laboratories and office space for students. The labs feature equipment that is state of the art and essential in the health professions where graduates are expected to be proficient in the latest techniques to treat patients. More than 2,000 SVSU students have declared majors in the College of Health and Human Services.

The structure obtained silver LEED certification from the USGBC.





MASFSA 2010-2011 Members

Board Members

OFFICERS

Rhonda Johnson

President, Henry Ford Community College

Teesha Montague

President Elect, Washtenaw Community College

April Ewing-Miles

Vice President, Wayne State University

Carolyn James

Treasurer, The University of Michigan

Peggy Finnigan

Secretary, Madonna University

Holly Furlo

Past-President, Saginaw Valley State University

REPRESENTATIVES FOR SCHOOLS & VENDORS

Cindy Gross

Four-Year State Schools, The University of Michigan-Flint

Amanda Cousino

Private Schools, Spring Arbor University

Keith Hudson

Community Colleges, Wayne County Community College

Bob O'Donnell

Director of Associate Members, National Recoveries, Inc.

Committee Members

CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

Phillis Bukovcik

Chairperson, Michigan State University

Joni Manning

Co-Chairperson, Michigan State University

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

Victoria Pirrung

Chairperson, ERS

Joyce Kammerzelt

Co-Chairperson, Conserve

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Audrey Atkins

Chairperson, INCO Financial Systems, Inc.

Teesha Montague

Co-Chairperson, Washtenaw Community College

New Members

BAY MILLS COMMUNITY COLLEGE**EVISIONS****GOGEBIC COMMUNITY COLLEGE****ROSS STUART & DAWSON****VLV VANTAGE POINT**

Member News

BECKY WOOD RETIREES AFTER 24 YEARS

Becky Wood, Cashiers/Student Accounts Manager at The University of Michigan-Flint retired on August 31, 2010. Becky has worked for UM-Flint for 24 years, starting out as a secretary in the Budget office and then becoming an Administrative Associate. She became the manager of the Cashiers/Student Accounts office in 1998. MASFSA has been a member of MASFSA from the beginning of the organization.

Becky and her husband, Wendell, plan on moving to Kentucky where Becky is from and where both of their children now live. She is looking forward to spending more time with her daughter Heather, son-in-law Matt, and granddaughter Allysa, as well as with her son Eric, daughter-in-law Leah, and grandson Brayden.

Please join us in wishing Becky the best in her retirement (bbwood@umflint.edu).



Becky Wood (front center) and family.

Henry Ford Community College Newsflash!

E-Checks were the biggest electronic advancement at HFCC this 2010 summer semester. In an effort to better serve our students, HFCC implemented direct deposit of Financial Aid checks. This process has been a five year undertaking that involved research of Higher One's credit card option, Bank One's card refund option, review of the federal regulations affecting fees charged to students and endless testing on the Datatel system.

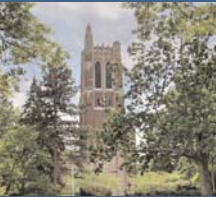
Our rollout steps were:

1. Researching Datatel schools that had implemented the process and mirror their processes.



2. Datatel system testing of the WebAdvisor module.
3. Bank datavault testing and test file uploads.
4. E-mail students with PowerPoint instructions guide.

The idea to save time and money started when schools did not dare dream of direct deposit for students. DataTel has named the process **E-Checks**. E-Checks cost saving attributes are that it eliminates the high cost of paper checks, postage, lost or stolen checks, stop payment charges and check re-issues. Cost savings fueled the interest of the college financial service division. Immediate gratification and timely access to grant and loan monies are the encouragement to students. Today we have over 2,000 students signed up in just a brief two weeks period! Technology has triumphed again!



Upcoming: 7th Annual 2011 MASFSA Conference

THE CONFERENCE WILL BE
HELD AT MICHIGAN STATE
UNIVERSITY MAY 22-24,
2011.

Special Thanks to the 2010 MASFSA Conference Sponsors

ACCOUNT CONTROL

TECHNOLOGY

EVISSIONS

HIGHER ONE/CASHNET

NCO FINANCIAL SYSTEMS

NELNET

TUITION MANAGEMENT

SYSTEMS

WINDHAM PROFESSIONALS

Perkins Updates

NEW DISABILITY SERVICER BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2010

The Department of Education has announced the recent award of the total and permanent disability servicer contract to Nelnet beginning October 1, 2010. Nelnet Total and Permanent Disability Servicer will receive and process general total and permanent disability discharge assignments on behalf of the Department of Education. Posted August 13, 2010. For more information go to:

<http://ifap.ed.gov/eannouncements/081310TPDTransition.html>

NEW: REVISED TOTAL AND PERMANENT DISABILITY DISCHARGE APPLICATION

Summary: The letter announces the approval of a revised Discharge Application: Total and Permanent Disability for use by borrowers in the William D. Ford Federal Direct Loan (Direct Loan) Program, the Federal Family Education Loan (FFEL) Program, and the Federal Perkins Loan (Perkins Loan) Program, and by recipients of grants under the Teacher Education for College and Higher Education (TEACH) Grant Program.

Go to <http://www.ifap.ed.gov/dpcletters/GEN1015.html> to read the full article and obtain a copy of the new discharge form.

Reminder that the regulations changed as of July 1, 2010.

Total and Permanent Disability.

Federal Register dated October 29, 2009.

<http://ifap.ed.gov/register/FR102909FFELPerkinsDirectLoanFinal.html>

SECTION 674.61 - TOTAL AND PERMANENT DISABILITY

These regulations are effective July 1, 2010.

New definition of total and permanent disability in section 674.51(aa)(1).

Old definition: The condition of an individual who is unable to work and earn money because of an injury or illness that is expected to continue indefinitely or to result in death.

New definition: The condition of an individual who (1) Is unable to engage in any substantial gainful activity by reason of any medically determinable physical or mental impairment that...

- (i) Can be expected to result in death;
 - (ii) Has lasted for a continuous period of not less than 60 months; or
 - (iii) Can be expected to last for a continuous period of not less than 60 months; or
- (2) Has been determined by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to be unemployable due to a service-connected disability. (See *Dear Colleague Letter GEN-09-07*

<http://ifap.ed.gov/dpcletters/GEN0907.html>).

New! The new regulations have established two separate loan discharge processes...

1. For veterans who have been determined by the VA to be unemployable due to a service-connected disability, and
2. Borrower that is unable to engage in substantial gainful activity (the general discharge process).

NEW PERKINS 553 ASSIGNMENT FORM AND INSTITUTIONAL CERTIFICATION FORM WITH EXPIRATION DATE OF 8/31/2012 POSTED JUNE 10, 2010

The Department has posted updated information for Federal Perkins Loan Portfolio Liquidation and Perkins Loan Assignment. Go to:

<http://ifap.ed.gov/eannouncements/061010CBPerkinsLiquidationAssignProcedandforms.html>