

FSAU's Hometown News

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Feature Story

Deeken Honored At Conference

Our own Marianna Deeken is the proud recipient of the "Distinguished Service Award" presented by the California Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators (CASFAA) during the December conference. The tribute reads as follows:

"Since assuming her role as the interim, and now permanent, U.S. Department of Education Training Officer for Region IX, Marianna has proven to be a valuable asset to the State of California, CASFAA, and our members. She has played a huge role in training our members on new and changing federal regulations while providing guidance and counsel.

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Reminders:

2003 Pay Actions

All employees who claim complete exemption from federal tax withholding must file a new Form W-4, Employee's Withholding Allowance Certificate, by February 15, 2003. The Internal Revenue Service (IRS) regulations require that if the new form is not filed by that date, the employer must withhold taxes as if the employee was single with no exemptions. This will continue until a new form is filed. The Earned Income Credit Advance Payment Certificate, Form W-5, expires at the end of each calendar year.



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The Learning Coupon is Back!

The Learning Coupon electronic process is now ready to use. The process will allow you to go online to fill out your coupon and send it by email.

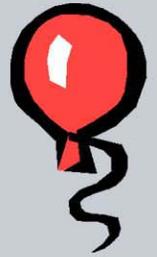
Go to :http://fsanet/sfa_university/learning_coupons/. Email Pat Reese with your questions or concerns.

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She has served as liaison between the Department of Education and the CASFAA Executive Council ensuring that the Council is kept informed of the trends developing within the Department and that CASFAA is providing the most up-to-date and timely training opportunities for its members. Marianna goes out of her way to make sure that CASFAA members understand the intent of the regulations and she assists with the interpretation and implementation of that sometimes not-so-clear federal guidance. Her fresh and honest approach makes her training presentations fun, enjoyable, and an invaluable resource. Always willing to go the next step, or the next conference, Marianna has become a valuable resource to CASFAA and its members."

It's Your Birthday!

January
6 Linda Burkhardt
14 Len Clark
29 Tony Andrade



Trivia...

In the 80s the song, *Happy Birthday to You*, was believed to generate about \$1 million in royalties annually.

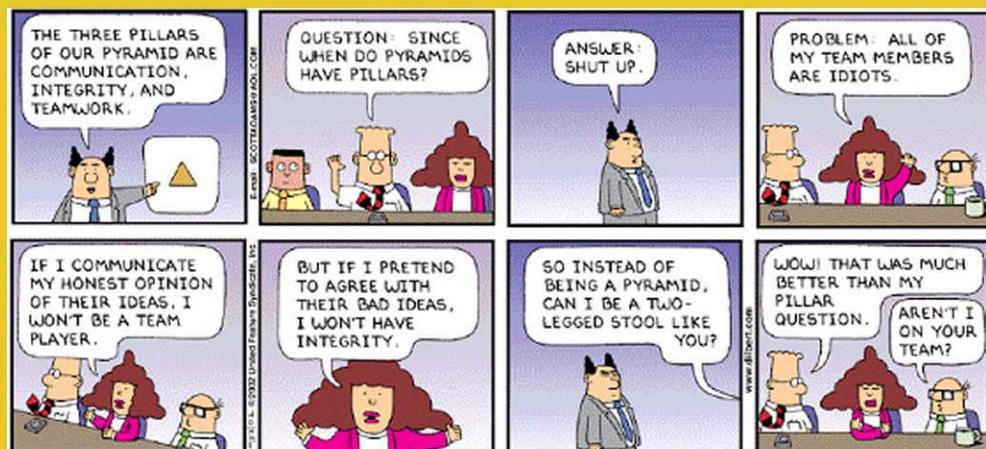
Happy Birthday to You continues to bring in approximately 2 million dollars in licensing revenue each year, at least as of 1996 accounting, according to Warner Chappell and a *Forbes* magazine article.

Upcoming Birthdays
February 17 Courtland Smith



Comic Corner

Have a fun comic to share? Send it in and we will post it in the next newsletter!



External Updates



FISAP Tutorial

Project Manager: Jo Ann Borel

Team Members: Richard Coppage, Marianna Deeken, Wood Mason, Judy Norris, Dorothy Proctor, Tom Threlkeld, Pam Wadsworth, Rich Bennett.

Status: Remains online.

Start date/completion: Completed and will remain online until the end of July 2003.

Schools Curriculum Planning

Project Manager: Jo Ann Borel

Team Members: Tom Threlkheld, Julie Arthur and Katie Malagne.

Status: Completed survey of stakeholders and advisors used to solicit input. Team is now analyzing the data and beginning to make recommendations for a core curriculum.

Start date/completion: Completion scheduled for September.

FSA Coach

Project Manager: Jo Ann Borel

Team Members: Beth Arbogast, Linda Coffey and Jacque Straub.

2002-03 COACH

Status: Finished reviewing all lessons and now making corrections to material in preparation of 508 testing.

Start date/completion date: Online by March.

2003-04 COACH

Status: White papers/proposals arriving. Expect to select team and begin work mid-February.

Start date/completion date: Completion scheduled for July.

Video Conference

Project Manager: Anne Eckman

Team Members: Pennie Summers, Vicki Wilson, Marilyn LeBlanc

Status: The High School Counselor/TRIO Had a Debrief/Lessons Learned Meeting on 1/22/03. Taking the lessons learned from meeting and using them to improve the process for future videoconferences.

Start date/completion: Complete.

Fundamentals of Title IV Training

Project Manager: Tom Threlkeld

Team Members: Linda Coffey, Marianna Deeken, Jamie Malone, Skip Pou

Status: Training on-going.

Start date/completion date: Completion date scheduled for fall 2003.

Program Integrity Compliance Training (PICT) for 2002-03

Project Manager: Doug Stormont

Team Members: David Hebrank, Judy Norris, Constance Daly, Daniel Sullivan, Diarra Toyce, Herschel Wallace, Robert Tschinkel, Marianna Deeken, Linda Weippert, Carolyn Craddock and Rosalind Mehra.

Status:

Non-Traditional Programs Training

Determination of when to begin the design phase of this training has been postponed.

Title IV Cash Management Life Cycle Training
CTS members submit draft survey instruments. Instruments will be disseminated to fiscal or financial aid officers and requires a response by 2/3. Team will use surveys to determine workshop, length and date.

Start date/completion date: Completion scheduled for December.

Student Eligibility Basics and Delivery System

Team Lead: Linda Burkhardt

Team Members: Jamie Malone, Greg Martin, Ellen Crowder, Deb Tarpley and Barbara Gray.

Status: Training on-going.

Start date/completion: January-March 2003.

EDEXpress Survey Team

Project Manager: Jo Ann Borel

Team Members: Anne Teresa, Ginger Klock, Joe Teresa, Jon Oberg, Angela Smith, Stephanie Courtney and John Neely.

Status: Team samples schools and resends the survey hoping for additional input.

Start date/completion: Completion scheduled for April.

All About FSA 'You'

durning the holidays.



We all wish Midge the best in the recoery fromher recent surgery. She is now under the careof her sister who is assisting her. You cansend a card to her at:

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 6117 Brook Drive
 Falls Church, VA 22044



Katherine 'Katie' Martin
 October 9, 2002
 Daughter of Greg and Laura

