## office of Financial Aid Newsletter Money Matter



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# Welcome Back!

**BRONCOS**! The start of the academic year is well underway. This edition of Money Matters is designed to inform you of important processes and updates in financial aid.



**VERIFICATION.** If you have not been awarded your financial aid for the academic year due to verification, it is important to complete that process as soon as possible. Please log onto <u>www.sscwp.org</u> to complete the verification process through School Servicing Center or stop by the Office of Financial Aid to submit the requested documents listed on Banner Self-Service.

**FIRST-TIME LOAN BORROWERS**. In order for your student loans to pay, you must have completed the Entrance Loan

Counseling and Master Promissory Note via <u>www.studentloans.gov</u>. You must use your Federal Student Aid ID (FSA ID) to log into the website.



**Got A REFUND?** Federal regulations require that students are informed of their eligibility for any federal aid, including subsidized and unsubsidized loans. If your financial aid award package includes loans, your excess funds are being disbursed from those student loans. Large refunds related to excess borrowing of loan funds can lead to excessive loan debt and reaching your aggregate (maximum) loan limit. Please be sure to review the National Student Loan Data System (www.nslds.ed.gov) to be in the know concerning your student loans.

**2016/2017 FAFSA AVAILABILITY**. The FAFSA for next academic year will be available beginning January 1<sup>st</sup>. Please ensure that you, and your parent if you are a dependent student, have created the required FSA ID. The process can be completed online at <u>www.fsaid.gov</u>. Our priority deadline for FAFSA completion is March 1<sup>st</sup>.



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Networking is key!

Your fellow Broncos have submitted the following Tips for Success for this academic year. Take Note!

- The greatest key to success is believing in yourself.
- Dress for the job you want, not the job you have.
- At all times, you must remain humble because success can be taken away as fast as you have received it.
- Become the most positive person that you know. Commit to constantly improving yourself.
- Take responsibility for every area of your life. Own your education by making it top priority and by remaining accountable.
- Use your resources early and often.

## Upcoming Dates

Oct. 8:	Midterms Begin
Oct. 15-16:	Midterm Break
Oct. 24:	Homecoming
Nov. 2:	Spring 2016 Registration Begins
Nov. 11:	Veteran's Day
	(University Closed)
Nov. 26-27:	Thanksgiving Holiday
	(University Closed)
Dec. 3:	Last Day of Classes
Dec. 5-11:	Final Exams
Dec. 12:	Winter Commencement

Please join us in welcoming our new staff member, Jerrie Carr! Ms. Carr is our new Administrative Support Associate! In addition, please congratulate Mrs. Dorothy Fultz on her promotion to Senior Assistant Director.



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### THE DIRECTOR'S CORNER

Welcome Back Broncos! I am very delighted to welcome all our new and returning Broncos back to Fayetteville State University for the 2015-2016 academic year. The Office of Financial Aid is in the process of planning fun, interactive workshops, and events to keep our FSU students and community abreast about financial aid opportunities and options. Stay tuned: We will have more information to come.

If you have not completed the verification process or filed a FAFSA application, it is not too late. The Office of Financial Aid staff is available to assist you through the process as needed, please don't hesitate to drop by our office in the Lilly Building, First Floor. Have a fabulous Fall semester!

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