



NATIONAL DIRECT STUDENT LOAN COALITION

Dear Supporter,

I am proud to announce the 2009-2010 Executive Council of the National Direct Student Loan Coalition. While these are the members of the Executive Council, the Coalition still looks forward to working with all of our member schools over the next year. The Coalition often invites member schools to join us in DC for one of our visits and we look forward to continuing that tradition with many of you.

We are grateful for your support and hope that you will all renew for our new membership year. With all that is going on in higher education, it promises to be a very exciting year!

Sincerely,

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Chair, National Direct Student Loan Coalition
Director of Student Financial Aid, Iowa State University

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The mission of the National Direct Student Loan Coalition is to promote the success of the Federal Direct Student Loan Program in serving the interests of students, families, taxpayers and institutions.

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Supporting Our Members

The National Direct Student Loan Coalition (NDSLCL) is planning a second visit to Washington, DC. Council Members are planning to meet with the representatives from the Department of Education, as well as key members of the House Education and Labor Committee and Senate HELP Committee. The purpose of this visit is not only to reiterate the Coalition's message but also to discuss President Obama's proposed changes to FFEL.

As always, the Coalition would like to convey our member's questions or concerns during meetings with leaders in Washington, D.C. If you have anything that you would like the Coalition to address with the Department of Education, please email Brian Smith at bsmith@mrss.com.

New Additions to the Council

The Coalition would like to extend a warm welcome to our two new members of the Executive Council - Peg Julius from Kirkwood Community College and Kay Lewis from the University of Washington. The Coalition is extremely happy that they are willing to serve on behalf of Direct Loan schools over this next year.

New Schools to Switch to Direct Lending in May

- University of Connecticut
- St. John Fisher
- New York Institute of Technology
- Middle Tennessee State
- Asuza Pacific University
- Metropolitan State College of Denver
- College of New Jersey
- University of Houston - Victoria
- Kennebec Valley Community College

The Coalition Campaigns Congress to Support President Obama's Budget

Recently, private lenders have been aggressively lobbying Congress, distorting or hiding the many benefits of Direct Lending in an attempt to protect their government subsidies. In response, the Coalition launched a campaign in April to encourage supporters to contact their representatives in Congress to express support for President Obama's budget proposal. In addition to asking supporters to reach out to Congress, the Coalition sent a series of letters to education legislative aides in the House and Senate, as well as key members of the HELP Committee and the House Committee on Education and Labor.

Please [Click Here](#) to Take Action

Mentoring New DL Schools

Our phones are still ringing off the hooks with new schools who are interested in switching to Direct Lending. If you are in contact with colleagues that are considering switching to DL, please refer them to our website. We have lots of helpful resources that make the transition a simple process. We also have a list of mentors based on software platform that have volunteered to help schools with the transition. The Coalition and its allies have already mentored dozens of schools and we are ready and willing to help any other schools looking to make the switch.

If you are interested in being added to our mentor list, please contact Brian Smith at bsmith@mrss.com.

In the News

- Sallie Mae's About-Face on Loan Subsidies:Lender's Proposal Similar to Obama's (May 11, 2009)
- Gravy train for College Lenders (May 10, 2009)
- Government vs. the Private Sector: Health Care and Student Loans (May 1, 2009)
- College Town (April 26, 2009)
- Democrats Back Shortcut on Budget (April 25, 2009)
- End free ride on student lending (April 24, 2009)
- Remarks by the President on Higher Education (April 24, 2009)
- Nation's Second Largest Student Loan Guarantor Backs President Obama's Student Financial Aid Proposal (April 23, 2009)
- Student Loan Process Changes (April 22, 2009)
- College loans 101 (April 18, 2009)
- Obama's goal is transforming student loans (April 18, 2009)
- Transforming student loans (April 17, 2009)
- Serve students, not banks (April 17, 2009)
- Student Aid Faces an Overhaul (April 16, 2009)
- The Battle Over Student Lending (April 15, 2009)
- Harsh lessons about student aid (April 14, 2009)
- Better plan for student loans (April 14, 2009)
- Questions & Answers on the Transition to 100 Percent Direct Lending (April 6, 2009)