

Eye on Campus

Presidential Candidates: Financial Aid

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It is time to get to know the 2008 Presidential candidates and where they stand with regard to financial aid. Financial aid is essential to helping many students afford education after high school. Taking a look at what each Presidential candidate has to say about expanding financial aid can help you make better decisions about who should give your vote. According to the National Postsecondary Student Aid Study, 39 percent of students receive financial aid. Below are the front-runners in the race and their proposals for financial aid and higher education:

Hillary Clinton (D): Plans to provide \$3,500 in tuition tax credits, which accounts for over 50% of the average public institutes cost per semester. She also plans to simplify the financial aid process and strengthen incentives for students interested in public education.

Mitt Romney (R): Wants to link the amount of financial aid a student receives with the career they are seeking. The amount will be linked to the potential "contributions" a student will make to society.

John Edwards (D): His "College for Everyone" plan is to cover the cost

of college if students are willing to work a part-time job. This plan also includes modifying student loans to eliminate bank subsidies and making financial aid easier to apply for. **Fred Thompson (R):** States that college and universities must work to control costs.

John McCain (R): Plans to continue his support for funding federal programs, which help to make higher education affordable. He also plans to increase the amount families can save in a tax-free education savings account.

Barack Obama (D): His "American Opportunity Tax Credit" will ensure that the first \$4,000 of college costs is free. It will cover two-thirds the cost of tuition at a public school. His plan will also make community college free for most students.

Mike Huckabee (R): No stated proposals for financial aid or higher education

Rudolph Giuliani (R): No stated proposals for financial aid or higher education

Financial aid is not the only issue in the political platform. For more information about the 2008 presidential candidates and more issues you can visit CNN's election website at <http://www.cnn.com/ELECTION/2008/>.

(D) indicates Democrat and (R) indicates Republican.

Career-Internship Fair to be held at PSU Brandywine March 26th

Special to the Lion's Eye

Pull out your student planner and circle the Career/Internship Fair taking place on our campus Wednesday, March 26, 11:30 – 2:00pm.

Seniors, now is the time to get your resume and suit in order. Sophomores and Juniors, start building your resume now by seeking out internships. Freshman and others can find seasonal and/or part-time work. Alumni are also welcome and encouraged to attend.

You won't want to miss this opportunity to meet face-to-face with employers. Did you know that job boards like Monster and Career-builder only yield a 4% success rate in landing a job/internship? Networking is 10 times more effective! This is your chance to begin networking with key employer contacts.

So far, 32 employers have already registered to attend, including the National MS Society, Vanguard, SAP America, Community Service Foundation, Grand American Tours, Glen Mills School for Boys, Wawa, Fedex, UPS, Bank of America, Commerce Bank, YMCA, Corrigan Manning, Child and Family Focus and more. Positions vary, including jobs and internships in Human Services, IT, Sales/Marketing, Recruitment/HR, Logistics and much more.

Here are some things you can do to prepare for the Career Fair:

•**Plan now to schedule an appointment to have your resume critiqued.** Just stop by or call Advising and Career Services in room 112 Main / 610-892-1390. Don't wait until the last minute as appointments fill up quickly.

•**Prepare to dress for success.** A suit jacket is highly recommended. There is no such thing as

dressing too professionally. A suit and tie for men, a pant suit or skirt suit for women is entirely appropriate and will give you a winning edge. If finances are a concern, check out some thrift shops. You'd be amazed at the quality clothing available at an affordable price. There are two shops right in Media on/near State Street, and many more in our area. You might consider thrift shopping on the Main Line. You can also visit Good Will's website for store locations at http://www.goodwillde.org/Shop_Find_Store.asp

•Two weeks before the fair, career fair booklets will be available for pickup in 112 Main and will include all participating employers, company descriptions, contact information and positions available. **Be sure to pick a booklet** up so that you can decide which employers to visit at the fair.

•Visit <https://breeze.psu.edu/prep> on Tuesday, February 12, 5:30-6:30pm for the "Career Fair Prep" workshop being presented by Target Stores at University Park, being aired via the web for your convenience. To find out about other helpful workshops being offered, visit <http://www.fairs.sa.psu.edu/spring/Student/workshops.shtml>

Take Note: The event time in the planner is incorrect. It will be held from 11:30 – 2pm. Also, depending on the total number of employers that register, the event may be moved to the gym. A decision will be made soon, so stay tuned. The next edition of The Lion's Eye will confirm the location.

We hope to see you at the fair on March 26! Be sure to bring plenty of resumes and dress your best.

People Poll with Brittany Neimeth

Do you do anything special to celebrate Valentine's Day?



Colleen Sullivan
DUS
"I'm treating myself."



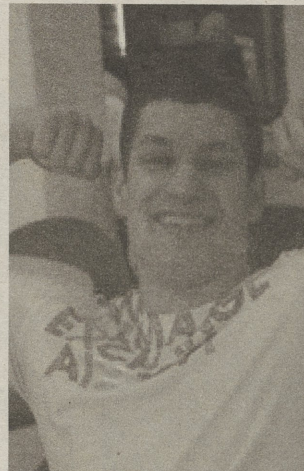
Greg Walsh
DUS
"Watch The Note book with my mom."



Kandice Evans
Communications
"No."

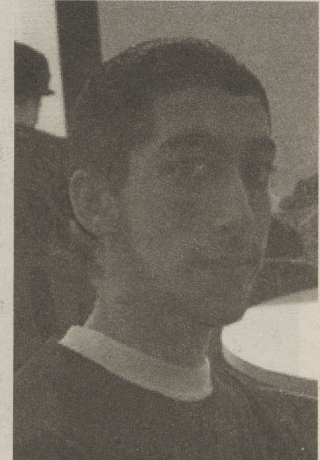


Brittany Walker
Foreign Language
"Going out to dinner with my boyfriend."



Dean Vietri
DUS

"Use your imagination."



Morgan O'Neill
Biology

"Lots of dope ass stuff."