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## OSAC Update

### Ordering Materials Online: New September '08

The new on-line ordering webpage is now available! To order the eApp workbook, Ford materials, Opportunities Booklets, and Oregon Opportunity Grant materials, visit the website below. You may also download links for the paper application. Coming in October, the workbook .pdf, as well as the foreign language versions of the Opportunities Booklets, will also be available on line.

[http://www.osac.state.or.us/publications\\_info.html](http://www.osac.state.or.us/publications_info.html).

### ASPIRE Coordinator Training: *Successful day assists new and returning ASPIRE Coordinators kick-off the new year!*

Throughout September, Region Supervisors for the ASPIRE program conducted one day training sessions for all new and returning ASPIRE Coordinators. The training sessions were extremely well attended and well received. A big thank you to the host sites and to all the Coordinators and volunteers who took part in the training. Congratulations to the Region Supervisors, Becky, Steve, Gretchen, and Caddy for putting together a very successful program! We look forward to next year's sessions.

### AmeriCorps Orientation: *Last but not least*

Hats off to Lori Ellis, OSAC staff, presenters, and AmeriCorps members for another successful orientation! September 2-5 proved to be an eventful week for the 18 AmeriCorps members that attended orientation at Camp Harlow in Eugene. The week consisted of long hours, lots of paperwork, tons of information, and did I mention lots of paperwork? I am happy to report, however, that by Friday we still has all 18 members with smiling faces. Even a lack of water couldn't get them down. It was obvious that this year's members are bright, energetic, and have a lot to offer their sites. Here is to a great 2008-2009 term - let's make this last year the best year!

## News

### Oregon Diploma Talk

**Myth:** Oregon's new diploma requirements are among the most challenging in the nation.

**Fact:** According to Achieve.org, Oregon is one of at least 44 states that report having adopted, or moving toward adoption of, college- and career-ready standards for graduation. Each state has its own timeline and implementation strategy. To learn more about the timeline and phase-in of Oregon's Diploma requirements, visit <http://www.ode.state.or.us/teachlearn/certificates/diploma/diploma-timeline.pdf>.



### Introducing the new SAT Scoring Reporting Policy

Designed to relieve student stress and improve the test-day experience, this new SAT<sup>®</sup> score-reporting feature provides students the opportunity to select which scores they send to colleges by test date for the SAT and by individual test for SAT Subject Tests(tm). Students can send any or all scores to a college on a single report. It

will not cost more to send one, multiple or all test scores, and students can easily sign up through the Web.

The new score-reporting feature will launch in Spring 2009 for all students. Starting with the class of 2010, this feature will help lessen the anxiety associated with testing, and allow students to put their best foot forward on test day. For more information on the new score-reporting policy, please visit <http://click.collegeboard.com:8080/17206816.1264.0.785>



## Monthly Helpful Hint

This million dollar idea was shared by a returning ASPIRE Coordinator after the question was raised, **“How can we remind students about events and meetings?”** Some people sent letters to the parents, some posted invitations on lockers, some made announcements over the loud-speaker...and some people sent **text messages!**

It was suggested that we visit [www.txtdrop.com](http://www.txtdrop.com) where you can send text messages (by typing on a real keyboard) to cellular phones from your computer. Fancy that - texting students to remind them about your ASPIRE event or activity! Then when the student responds, his or her response is sent directly to your e-mail. Ingenious! This is great for two reasons: it maintains professional boundaries (no one needs to know your cell number) and it creates a paper trail (your communication efforts are documented). – Lizzy Utterback, ASPIRE/AmeriCorps Team Leader

## Upcoming Events

**Fall Conference:** *The ASPIRE Fall Conference will be held October 11, 2008 at the University of Oregon*

Fall conference is right around the corner and we are looking forward to seeing everyone there. This will be a great opportunity for volunteers and staff to network, share ideas, and participate in exciting workshops designed to increase your knowledge about student access to postsecondary education. A great program awaits you! Please register online at [www.AspireOregon.org](http://www.AspireOregon.org) and click on News/Updates.

*~Mentor: Someone whose hindsight can become your foresight~*

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