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## DEADLINES TO NOTE

Davenport Nominations	February 12, 2011
Constitution and Bylaws	January 24, 2011
Emerging Leadership Academy	February 22, 2011
Request for Labels for NCHE Elections	February 27, 2011

## DAVENPORT AWARD NOMINATIONS

NCHE presents an award at its Regular Annual Meeting that honors James Davenport (1938–1989), the first president of the National Council for Higher Education. A faculty member at Washtenaw Community College, Michigan, he worked tirelessly for over two decades for higher education members and programs within the NEA and internationally. His dedication to the higher education community and belief that all educators must work together as one family (preK–G) are memorialized in this award. For nominations go to <http://www.nea.org/home/33427.htm> and scroll to the end of the page to access the Davenport Award information.

## CONSTITUTION, BYLAWS, AND STANDING RULES AMENDMENTS DUE

Anyone interested in submitting amendments needs to file them by January 23, 2011. Go to <http://www.nea.org/home/33427.htm>.

## NOMINATIONS FOR EMERGING LEADERSHIP ACADEMY BEING SOLICITED

The NEA Higher Education Division is seeking nominations for its Emerging Leadership Academy. The program provides an opportunity for NEA higher education members who would like to become more involved in their local and state associations and to learn about the NEA and how it interfaces with local and state affiliates. Application deadline is February 22, 2011. To find information and nominations forms, go to <http://www.nea.org/home/37067.htm>

## NCES ANALYZES THE PRICE OF COLLEGE

Eighty percent of all full-time undergraduates received some combination of grants, loans, work-study, or other type of aid. *What Is the Price of College? Total, Net, and Out-of-Pocket Prices in 2007–08*, a Statistics in Brief describes the annual price of education among undergraduates enrolled in U.S. postsecondary institutions in 2007–08. The data come from the most recent administration of the National Postsecondary Student Aid Study (NPSAS). Other findings include:

In 2007–08, the average total price of attendance for full-time undergraduates (tuition plus living expenses) varied widely by the type of institution attended, ranging from \$12,600 at public 2-year colleges to \$18,900 at public 4-year institutions, \$28,600 at for-profit institutions, and \$35,500 at private nonprofit 4-year institutions.

Students at for-profit institutions are shown to receive federal grants and student loans at considerably higher rates than those at other types of institutions. Even with such high percentages of Pell Grant and Stafford loan recipients, low-income students at for-profit schools still face the highest average out-of-pocket net prices compared to all other postsecondary institutions. The average out-of-pocket net price was \$11,700 among low-income students at for-profit institutions but the average for those enrolled elsewhere ranged from \$6,000 to \$9,800.

To view the full report please visit

<http://nces.ed.gov/pubsearch/pubsinfo.asp?pubid=2011175>

This report is a product of the National Center for Education Statistics (NCES) at the Institute of Education Sciences (IES), part of the U.S. Department of Education

## U.S. PUBLISHES DATA ON LIFETIME STUDENT LOAN DEFAULT RATES

The U.S. Education Department has published annual data that examine not only the standard two-year "cohort default rate" for student loan borrowers, but also the rate at which student loan borrowers default over the lifetime of their loans. As is true of other analyses of default rates, the statistics show that students at for-profit colleges are more likely to default on their federal loans than are students from other types of colleges. For full report, go to:

<http://ifap.ed.gov/eannouncements/attachments/122010CDRLifetimerateattachment2ratechart2010.pdf>

## THE COMING OF THE EDUCATION CHILL

The Senate has passed a temporary measure that will freeze spending at current levels for most of the federal government until March 4, Education Week reports. When Congress reconvenes, Republicans will have far greater power, and the two bodies will decide final spending levels for the fiscal year that started on October 1 and has been funded through a series of stop-gap measures since then. The newest stop-gap measure includes funding that ensures Pell Grants continue at current levels as Congress works out the rest of the budget. However, money for education programs that had been in the Senate's omnibus spending bill (including \$550 million for the Race to Top, \$240 million for the Investing in Innovation Grants, and \$300 million for the Early Learning Challenge Fund) are not included. A more conservative Congress may also seek to roll back spending to fiscal year 2008 levels, though lawmakers haven't been specific about what they'd like to cut. "It's going to be terrible," said Joel Packer **[formerly staff at NEA]** of the Raben Group, which represents the Committee for Education Funding. "I think we'll be negotiating between a significant cut and a freeze."

Read more at

[http://blogs.edweek.org/edweek/campaign-k-12/2010/12/federal\\_funding\\_for\\_k-12\\_to\\_st.html](http://blogs.edweek.org/edweek/campaign-k-12/2010/12/federal_funding_for_k-12_to_st.html)

## EEOC SUES KAPLAN

The U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission announced a suit against Kaplan Higher Education, charging that the for-profit university was violating the rights of black job applicants by considering credit histories in deciding whom to hire. "This practice has an unlawful discriminatory impact because of race and is neither job-related nor justified by business necessity," said a statement from the EEOC. Kaplan issued a statement to [Bloomberg](#) saying that it conducted the credit checks only for jobs involving financial matters, adding that the company was "proud of the diversity of our workforce:

- Earl Lewis, provost and executive vice president for academic affairs, Emory University.
- Susan Phillips, provost and vice president for academic affairs, State University of New York at Albany.
- Jamiene Studley, president and CEO, Public Advocates Inc., and former president, Skidmore College.
- Aron Shimles, student, Occidental College.
- Frank Wu, professor, Howard University Law School.
- Frederico Zargoza, vice chancellor of economic and workforce development, Alamo Colleges.

Read more at: <http://www.eeoc.gov/eeoc/newsroom/release/12-21-10a.cfm> and <http://www.bloomberg.com/news/2010-12-21/washington-post-s-kaplan-higher-education-sued-for-racial-discrimination.html>

## PRESIDENT VAN ROEKEL FORMS TASK FORCE ON FOR-PROFIT UNIVERSITIES

*The NCHE and other NEA members have raised concerns about NEA's partnerships with for-profit companies in offering courses/programs for NEA members. As a result, President Van Roekel has appointed a committee. Below is an excerpt from his letter to invitees to serve on the task force.*

*In recent weeks, concerns have been raised about the fact that NEA Member Benefits and the NEA Academy are offering degree programs in partnership with three universities, one of which is a for-profit.*

*Some have questioned whether this offering conflicts with NEA's policy and positions on for-profit institutions. Due to the concerns that have been raised, NEA Member Benefits has agreed to a moratorium on pursuing degree programs with for-profit colleges while the Association policies are reviewed and clarified. Last week at the NEA Board meeting, I announced my intention to form a task force on this issue and I am asking you to serve. Vice President Eskelsen has been appointed chairperson.*

*The charge of this task force shall be to:*

*Review NEA's policies on for-profit adult education and provide its rationale for whether and to what extent NEA should support degree programs offered by for-profit colleges and universities. The task force will deliver its final report and recommendations to the NEA President by February 1, 2012.*

## ADJUNCTS GET BACK PAY AND ASSURED CLASSES AT EAST-WEST

Five adjuncts at East-West University are getting back pay for lost classes and assured course assignments for the next three quarters under an agreement between the adjuncts and the university -- approved by the National Labor Relations Board. Adjuncts at the university had filed complaints about East-West after the university announced that it would no longer need many of their services -- a decision many questioned as it came just as the adjuncts were organized for a union to be affiliated with the National Education Association. The NEA now plans a new union drive. East-West officials

declined to comment on the news. For background, go to:  
<http://www.insidehighered.com/news/2010/06/17/eastwest>

### **COCA COLA EXPOSED FOR ITS HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS AND ANTI-LABOR STANDS**

The Coca-Cola Company has been embroiled in worldwide controversy as never before over its labor and human rights abuses. This has led to many labor unions, colleges and universities and other groups removing Coke machines and banning Coca-Cola products from their facilities and functions.

Shedding light on this controversy is "The Coca-Cola Case," a film described by The New York Times as "a legal thriller about the soft-drinks titan..." and by the Boston Herald as "the explosive new film..." The documentary was co-produced by the National Film Board of Canada and Argus Films.

"The Coca-Cola Case" uncovers years of brutal abuses against union leaders at Coca-Cola operations in Colombia and Guatemala. While paramilitary death squads work with plant managers, Coca-Cola's Atlanta headquarters turns a blind eye to the brutality and constantly lies in efforts to cover up its responsibility for these crimes

In December 2010, the Canadian Labour International Film Festival announced that this year's Best in Festival Award went to "The Coca-Cola Case," produced by German Gutierrez and Carmen Garcia. The award was given because it captured the highest rating from festival audiences across Canada.

In Uruguay, the film won awards for best production and for best photography and in Spain, it won the TV3 International Award given to films that raise a voice against the violation of human rights.

To view the film's trailer and to order the film, go to [www.TheCoca-ColaCase.org](http://www.TheCoca-ColaCase.org). To learn more about Coca-Cola's human rights and environmental abuses and the movement to hold Coca-Cola accountable, visit [www.KillerCoke.org](http://www.KillerCoke.org). Also visit [http://killercoke.org/labor\\_activism.php#bob\\_kin](http://killercoke.org/labor_activism.php#bob_kin)

### **MANHATTAN COLLEGE DENOUNCES NLRB DECISION**

Manhattan College had denounced a decision by a regional director of the National Labor Relations Board that the institution was not religious enough to be exempt from federal laws on collective bargaining. The NLRB ruling -- which Manhattan's statement suggested will be appealed -- gives the go-ahead for adjuncts at Manhattan to unionize, finding that the college's relationship with its employees is essentially secular. Brennan O'Donnell, president of the Roman Catholic college, said in Manhattan's statement that "the analysis clearly and unfortunately demonstrates the NLRB's lack of understanding of the identity of Manhattan College as a 21st-century Catholic college whose mission requires engagement with the broader culture of American society and higher education. Apparently the union and the government mistake our intellectual openness and welcoming spiritual environment, which we consider to be strengths of the Catholic intellectual tradition, as weaknesses. The ruling suggests that the Regional NLRB believes that the primary hallmarks of an authentic Catholic college or university are exclusionary hiring, a proselytizing atmosphere, and dogmatic inflexibility in the curriculum." Go to Inside Education (Organizing Adjuncts at a Catholic College) at <http://www.insidehighered.com/news/2011/01/11/>

### **NEBRASKA HIGHER EDUCATION OFFICIALLY A STATEWIDE DISTRICT**

Congratulations to NSEA (Nebraska) and higher education! Check out The Higher Education Advocate newsletter at <http://www.nsea.org/members/09districts/highered/news.htm> and click on the The Higher Education Advocate newsletter. Higher Education now has its own district.

## NCHE MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

Have you renewed your NCHE membership? Within a few weeks you will receive an 2010-2011 NCHE membership renewal invoice. If you have not yet renewed your membership, you can renew at <http://www.nea.org/home/32974.htm> You can also renew individual and organizational memberships at the first session of the NCHE Regular Annual Meeting in Boston, MA March 24. Individual and organizational voting credentials are only available to members who have paid their dues. Please return your NCHE membership today. We look forward to your continued support and seeing you in Boston.

## NCHE REGULAR ANNUAL MEETING AND NEA HIGHER EDUCATION CONFERENCE

Don't forget to register for the NCHE Regular Annual Meeting (March 24 and 25, 2011), NEA Leadership Day, March 24, and the NEA Higher Education Conference (March 25-27, 2010) at the Park Plaza Hotel in Boston, MA. To register, go to <http://www.regonline.com/Register/Checkin.aspx?EventID=881937>

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