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## The Road to Financial Planning





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## AGENDA

- What is Debt
- Understanding Student loans
- Repayment option/solutions
- Establishing a financial Plan
- Using Credit wisely
- Prioritizing Debt
- Financial Planners



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## PURPOSE

- Assist Financial Aid Officers in guiding students through the next step in their financial planning process
- To date many of the students have focused on classes and student loans rather than their future
- Create a resource for future student sessions



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- WHAT IS DEBT?
  - Student Loan
  - Credit Card
  - Mortgage
  - Car
  - What else?

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- Understanding Student Loans
  - How do we help student understand their Student Loan portfolio?
    - Entrance/Exit Session
    - Lunch and Learn Workshops
      - Credit
      - Identity theft
    - Debt Management Resources
      - Throughout college career
      - Life Skills
      - FinMan/EdVisor
  - What else?

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## Repayment Options/Solutions

- Student Loan Repayment Cycle
  - Federal Loans
  - Private Loans
  - Perkins
  - Consolidation
  - Deferment
  - Forbearance

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## Establishing a Financial Plan

- Identify overall Debt
  - What is Debt?
    - Credit Cards
    - Student Loans
    - Mortgage
    - Car
- Income vs. Expenses
  - Wants vs. needs
- Create Budget
  - On-line resources
- Establishing an Emergency Fund
  - Savings
  - 401K
  - 529 plans

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## Using Credit Wisely

- Understand the differences of Credit
  - Credit Cards – ( Amex and must be paid every month )
  - Debit Cards – ( POS /ATM out of checking account)
  - Charge Cards – ( revolving balance w/ minimum due)
  - Home Equity Credit – using home as collateral
- Educational Resources
  - Workshops and seminars
- Credit Score vs. Credit Report
  - [www.annualcreditreport.com](http://www.annualcreditreport.com)

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## Prioritize Debt

- Organize Financial Records
  - Keeping good records
- Renting vs. Buying
- Variable interest vs. Fixed Interest

## Financial Planning

–CFP's

- Certified, experienced representative
- Follow a code of ethics

–[www.fpanet.org](http://www.fpanet.org)

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## Future

- Train the Trainer Session at FASFAA
- On Line Resource on FASFAA
  - Links etc
- What other Suggestions for the Future?

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Q & A

Thank You!

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