

Mahoney to hold Symposium to help Students Attain Financial Aid for College

Mahoney's "Financial Aid for College Symposium" to Inform High School Students and Parents of Available Government Assistance for College Tuition

(November)

(Port St. Lucie, FL) – Congressman Tim Mahoney (FL-16) will hold an informative symposium tomorrow to advise high school students and parents about the financial aid options made available by the state and federal government to make college affordable for every student. The Symposium will feature presentations by the Florida Department of Education and the Florida Association of Financial Aid Administrators to cover Bright Futures, FAFSA, state need-based aid and the College Reach Out Program (CROP). Mahoney will also discuss the College Cost Reduction and Access Act of 2007, which he strongly supported, to reform student aid and increase the Pell Grant program.

Who:

Congressman Tim Mahoney

Local High School Students and Parents Florida Department of Education Florida Association of Financial Aid Administrators

What:

Congressman Tim Mahoney invites students and parents

preparing for college to attend a symposium on how to pay for college. The Congressman will be joined by the Florida Department of Education and the Florida Association of Financial Aid Administrators to provide information on available government assistance. Financial aid officers from Florida colleges and universities will also be on hand to answer questions and provide advice.

When:

5:30 pm, Tuesday, November 27, 2007

Where:

St. Lucie West Centennial High School Auditorium

1485 SW Cashmere Blvd Port St. Lucie, FL 34986

The Symposium will serve as an informational resource for high school students and their parents to help navigate the College Financial Aid process. After the presentations, informational booths will be available for questions including: the U.S. Department of Education, Florida Prepaid Plan, Florida Atlantic University Financial Aid Department and Indian River Community College Financial Aid Department. The College Cost Reduction and Access Act of 2007, H.R. 2669, increases loan and Pell Grants by \$1.5 billion over five years, reduces debt of typical need-based loans at four year public schools by \$13,663, reduces interest by an average of \$4,370 over the life of a four year loan and increases the number of Florida students receiving Pell Grants to 300,621. The Act also strengthens the middle class by making

college more affordable, increases the purchasing power of the Pell Grant Scholarship by almost doubling last year's investment, ensures that highly qualified teachers are in every classroom by providing tuition assistance to undergraduate students committing to teach in public schools, encourages public service by forgiving loans after 10 years of public service and encourages philanthropic participation in college retention and financing.

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