



Assignment: Join team members at “Mission Possible” - the 1st Annual NHASFAA Conference - November 1 and 2 at the Sheraton Harborside Hotel in Portsmouth, NH.

Task 1: Our conference registration will be **LIVE** the week of **September 24th**; we'll e-mail you when you can register!

Task 2: Join us for our **Thursday Keynote Speaker – Kathleen Smith, President of the Education Finance Council**. Kathleen brings the Washington perspective of what is happening daily in the rapidly changing environment of the student loan industry. As debate over Title IV and other aspects of higher education receiving unprecedented media and political scrutiny, Kathleen will address what has occurred, its impact, what is yet to occur and what the impact of the upcoming Presidential election could mean to student aid going forward.

Task 3: Begin by greeting (no secret handshake required!) the following companies as they will be exhibiting at the 2007 NHASFAA Conference (this list as of 9/18/07):

Access Group

Academic Finance Corporation (AFC)

American Student Assistance (ASA)

Bank of America

Campus Door

Citibank

Citizens Bank

College Payway

EdFund

Massachusetts Educational Finance Authority (MEFA)

NelNet

NextStudent

The NHHEAF Network Organizations

National Student Loan Program (NSLP)

Regent Education

Sallie Mae

Student Loan Xpress

The Education Resources Institute (TERI)

United Student Aid Funds (USA Funds)

Vermont Student Assistance Corporation (VSAC)

Wachovia

Task 4: Secret Agent Matthew Long, Student Employment Manager and Federal Funds Coordinator at Yale University will train interested agents in his session titled "Student Employment: Setting Standards and Developing Best Practices for your Campus Program" on **Thursday, 11/1/07** (*a correction from last week's e-news!*). Plan to join him as he reviews the establishment of standards and best practices for campus programs in student employment.

Task 5: To receive the conference room rate, please book your lodging by **September 30, 2007!** Secret code words are "Mission Possible" or "NHASFAA". Make contact with the hotel at (888)627-7138. For those team members with superior spy computer skills, you may book your reservation online at <http://www.starwoodmeeting.com/StarGroupsWeb/res?id=0707020582&key=B697A>! Room rate is \$165 per night (plus 8% tax)! (Please note: If you book your room after 9/30/07, you may not receive the conference room rate.)

Task 6: Our Thursday luncheon speaker, Gordon Weinberger, creator of the **Infinite Persistence™ Life Brand**, asks all agents to ponder this thought: ***"At first a task looks difficult, then it is impossible, then it is done."***

Task 7: Join us for dinner theatre with the Garrison Players Thursday night! Put on your "whodunit" cap for "A Fatal Combination". This is sure to be a thriller to the end – so join us for lots of fun and then come out and explore downtown Portsmouth with your fellow agents! To attend the NHASFAA conference, you must be a NHASFAA member. Join today at www.nhasfaa.org, or e-mail Suzy Allen, Membership Committee Chair, at suzy.allen@unh.edu for more information.

Please share this classified communiqué with those on your campus who may wish to accept this Assignment!