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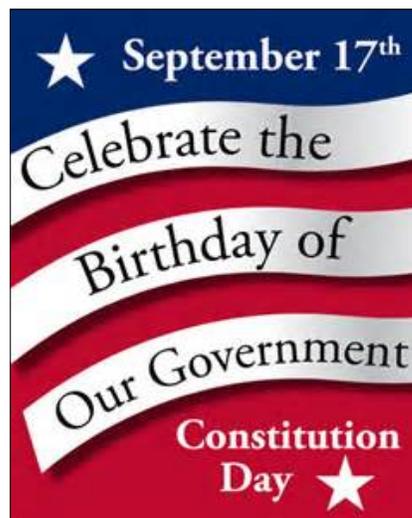
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## Constitution Day Reminder

**T**SAC's Compliance and Legal Affairs Division is taking this opportunity to remind all higher education institutions that receive federal funds that they must offer educational programs about the Constitution on September 17, 2014. This year since September 17<sup>th</sup> is on a Wednesday; your program must be held on that day to be in compliance with federal regulations.

The federal regulations state that institutions that receive federal funds for a fiscal year must hold Constitution Day Activities commemorating the September 17, 1787 signing of the Constitution. Many organizations have developed resources to help educational institutions comply with the Constitution Day legislation.



Listed below are links to some of their websites that you might find helpful:

- The Constitution Center- [www.constitutioncenter.org](http://www.constitutioncenter.org)
- The Bill of Rights Institute- [www.billofrightsinstitute.org](http://www.billofrightsinstitute.org)
- The Library of Congress – [www.loc.gov](http://www.loc.gov)
- The Abote Foundation – [www.scholastic.com/americanjustice](http://www.scholastic.com/americanjustice)

## TSAC Board of Director's Meeting

**T**he TSAC Board of Directors will meet on Friday, September 19th at 10:00 a.m. on the 18<sup>th</sup> floor of Parkway Towers. The meeting will cover the usual topics included in the fall board meeting including the proposed TSAC Budget request for 2015-16, as well as Adoption of Rules for Tennessee Promise Scholarship and the Tennessee Education Lottery Scholarship. There will be a FFELP update, Grant and Scholarship Programs update, Audit update, License Suspension Update, and TN Promise Scholarship Program update.

# New Aid Officers Training Workshop

Register now to reserve your spot for the training workshop on September 19, 2014 at the Tennessee College of Applied Technology, Nashville. The sessions for the day include the following topics:

- ◇ Student Eligibility
- ◇ How to Resolve Conflicting Data
- ◇ Tools for New Aid Officers and Living with NSLDS
- ◇ Default Aversion and Prevention Assistance
- ◇ State Grant and Scholarship Programs
- ◇ Lottery Scholarship Program
- ◇ Tennessee Promise Update

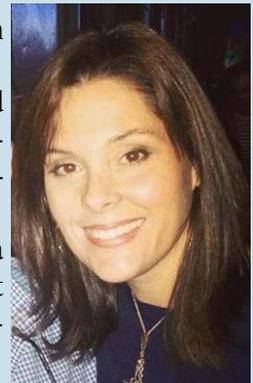


Please R.S.V.P. to Karen Myers by email, your plans for you or your staff to attend the workshop. Directions and parking information will be provided once you've registered to attend. Refreshments will be served from 8:30 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. and the workshop sessions will begin at 9:00 a.m. and conclude at 3:00 p.m. Lunch will be provided. The deadline for reserving your space is September 12<sup>th</sup>. Karen's e-mail address is [karen.myers@tn.gov](mailto:karen.myers@tn.gov).

# TSAC Hires Two New Outreach Specialists

Over the summer, we hired two new Outreach Specialist in the Communication Services division at TSAC.

Abby Nichols accepted the Outreach Specialist position to work the schools and guidance counselors in western Tennessee counties. Abby has extensive experience in College Access as a recent representative with REDI (Regional Economic Development Initiative).



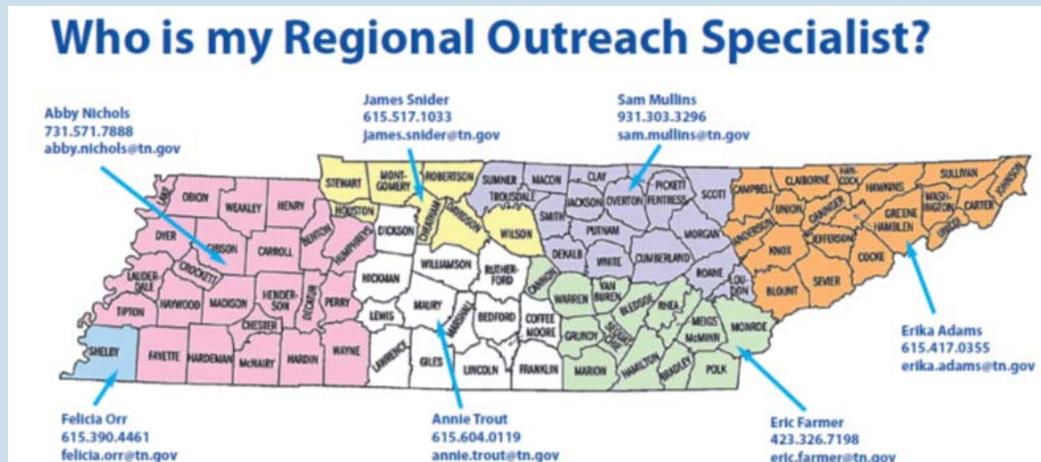
Abby Nichols

In East Tennessee, Erika Adams has agreed to serve as our Outreach Specialist. Erika comes to us from the CAP (College Access Program) at Northeast State Community college where she served as Director as she assisted students in attending college for many years.



Erika Adams

We are very excited about these two new team members. If you need any assistance or materials, please feel free to give them a call.



# TSAC Hires New Grant and Scholarship Analyst

**C**indy Runnels has worked in higher education since 1995, both at Columbia State Community College and Nashville State Community College. She has vast experience in Admissions, Records, and Financial Aid, specializing in state of Tennessee programs. Cindy enjoys assisting students and helping them to navigate the financial aid process to fund their education.

Cindy spends her free time crocheting, reading, and enjoying her almost 2 year old granddaughter. Cindy is excited to join the TSAC team as a new Grant and Scholarship Analyst, and continue her work in assisting students, parents, and the community with answers to questions regarding state of Tennessee financial aid programs.

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