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LEMOYNE-OWEN JOINS SCHOOLS ACROSS THE STATE TO HELP TENNESSEE STUDENTS AND PARENTS APPLY FOR MONEY TO ATTEND COLLEGE

MEMPHIS, TN (January 23, 2012) College-bound high school seniors and parents are invited to learn the ins and outs of applying for financial aid at **College Goal Sunday** on the campus of LeMoyne-Owen College, 807 Walker Ave., **Sunday, Jan. 29**. The workshop is from 2 – 4 p.m. in the second floor learning lab of Gibson-Orgill Hall.

Students and parents filling out the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) will receive access to expert assistance provided by professionals in financial aid and admissions for secondary and higher education institutions. Volunteers also will conduct a question and answer session designed to benefit students and parents in various phases of the financial aid process.

The FAFSA is a vital document that not only enables students to apply for federal aid, but also for the *Tennessee Education Lottery Scholarship* and the *Tennessee Student Assistance Award* programs.

Colleges, universities, and technical schools nationwide use the FAFSA form. Students should submit this application **before March 1st** when the maximum amount of aid is available, even if they have yet to select their college.

Students are encouraged to review the **College Goal Sunday** information at www.tn.gov/CollegeGoalSunday prior to attending the event to ensure they bring all of the necessary documentation, including a copy of their 2011 federal tax information. Applicants who do not have their 2011 tax return should bring a copy of their 2010 return.

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The American Missionary Association founded The LeMoyne-Owen College in 1862 to educate freedmen and runaway slaves at the Union Army's Camp Shiloh in Shiloh, Tennessee. The school relocated to Memphis a year later, but was destroyed during race riots in 1866. Lincoln Chapel, as the school was then known, was rebuilt and reopened in 1867 with 150 students and six teachers. Lincoln Chapel was renamed LeMoyne Normal and Commercial School in honor of benefactor, physician and abolitionist Dr. Francis Julian LeMoyne and relocated to its current site at 807 Walker Ave in 1914. After more than 50 years of steady growth, LeMoyne merged with Owen College in 1968. Today, The LeMoyne-Owen College has a student body of more than 1,000 students and offers 4-year degrees in five disciplines: Business and Economic Development; Education; Fine Arts and Humanities; Natural and Mathematical Sciences; and, Social and Behavioral and Sciences.