

### [Show Me the Money \(Inside Higher Ed\)](#)

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Admissions officials have been expecting major increases in public college and university applications, selectivity and enrollments. Much of that appears to be happening as expected. Projections about private colleges have been all over the map, with some fearing that many institutions would lack for students this fall. Some privates, however, including many out of the Ivy stratosphere, are reporting similar numbers of deposits to last year, or modest declines.

### [Top Colleges See Little Fall in Commitments \(New York Times\)](#)

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In an early indication that the economic downturn may not have disrupted students' college choices as much as schools had feared, more than a dozen top colleges said last week that accepted applicants had committed themselves to attending next fall at about the same rate as last year.

### [Obama college speeches spark controversy \(USA Today\)](#)

Posted:

Obama's first pass at the annual springtime rite for presidents - delivering commencement addresses at a couple of universities or colleges and one military academy - has caused controversy at two of the three schools the White House selected from dozens of invitations.

### [Sallie Maes About-Face on Loan Subsidies \(Washington Post\)](#)

Posted:

In a dramatic reversal, the lending behemoth now supports President Obama's efforts to kill the subsidies it has tried to protect for so long. Sallie's plan is still slightly different from the one advanced by the administration, which entails the government originating loans itself. But the company's turnaround, which surprised many in the industry, could make it more likely that the administration will succeed in transforming the way that millions of students pay to attend college.

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## [Final Obama Budget Calls for Continuing SEOG, LEAP \(NAICU Washington Update\)](#)

Posted:

President Obama submitted the long-awaited details of his FY 2010 budget to Congress on Thursday. The fine print confirms what administration officials had been telling NAICU for months - the president advocates continuation of both the Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant (SEOG) and LEAP state grant programs.

## [Grassley Expected to Leave Senate Finance in 2011 \(NAICU Washington Update\)](#)

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It's two years away, but Sen. Charles Grassley (R-Iowa) will step down as ranking member of the Senate Finance Committee to become ranking member of the Senate Judiciary Committee in 2011. There are implications for higher education with the forthcoming change, given that Grassley has been both a critic and supporter of the non-profit sector - especially colleges and universities.

## [Whats New on the GI Bill Yellow Ribbon Program \(NAICU Washington Update\)](#)

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The Department of Veteran's Affairs issued a list of FAQs on the Yellow Ribbon Program on May 7. The 13-page document is full of useful clarifications on such diverse topic as how to calculate the match and certain deadlines. We also bring you up to date on some other important developments.

## [Economy forcing students to transfer back in-state \(Atlanta Journal-Consitution\)](#)

Posted:

As unemployment mounts and stock accounts suffer, admissions officers at state colleges report high numbers of Georgia students applying to transfer in - from out-of-state and private schools, as well as public colleges farther from home. Both public and private colleges and universities report that more students are seeking more aid in times when university endowments are down and fund-raising is challenging.

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## [Class of 2009 Enters Sour Job Market \(ABC News\)](#)

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At Syracuse University, commencement had all the usual pomp but the circumstances have definitely changed. Today Vice President Joe Biden acknowledged as much. "You're walking across this stage without knowing exactly what's gonna be on the other side," said Biden. The Class of 2009 is already learning about disappointment. Two years ago, half the graduating class had a full-time job lined up by now. This year, less than 20 percent do.

## [The trouble with public colleges \(CNNMoney.com\)](#)

Posted:

Great public universities have long been both the financial and academic safety plan for high-performing college-bound seniors and their parents. But now, just when families most need low-cost, high-quality schools, State U. is under intense financial pressure. Legislatures are pressed for money, especially now. Politically, it doesn't help that the students at the best state schools can look like a subsidized elite.

## [Black colleges will fight cut to federal program \(Associated Press\)](#)

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Leaders of historically black colleges say they'll fight a reduction in a federal program they call a financial lifeline at a time of economic distress for the schools and their students. President Barack Obama's education budget, unveiled Thursday, included major spending increases in many areas - but didn't include an extra \$85 million that black institutions have received annually for the past two years thanks to a 2007 change to the student loan laws.

## [Northwest Christian president leaving \(Associated Press\)](#)

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Northwest Christian University President David Wilson says he will step down next year after five years on the job to return to the Midwest where family members live. The Eugene school adjacent to the University of Oregon will conduct a national search for a replacement.

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