
OFFICE OF GOVERNOR RONNIE MUSGROVE
INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM

TO: GOVERNOR
FROM: RILEY
SUBJECT: THE COLLEGE BOARD: INVITATION TO SERVE ON NATIONAL BLUE RIBBON STUDENT FINANCIAL AID PANEL
DATE: 11/14/01
CC: RENICK

The College Board has extended an invitation to you to serve on its National Blue Ribbon Student Financial Aid Panel. This 12-month effort will:

- Determine and document the nation's investment in and benefit from public support of student financial aid during the past 30 years;
- Assess the extent to which the present system of student financial aid provides access and promotes persistence and completion of undergraduate, graduate and professional education, especially among students from low-income families;
- Make recommendations for future public financial strategies that would complement existing programs and enhance the goal of expanding access for people to enter and complete colleges; and,
- Build support among leading student financial aid experts, policymakers, the Bush Administration, targeted corporate leaders, the public, and opinion makers for recommended amendments to the Higher Education Act.

Former West Virginia Governor Gaston Caperton serves as President of the College Board. According to the proposed timeline provided by the College Board, the Blue Ribbon Panel will meet three times during 2002: February 8, June 14 and November 1. Governors Geringer and Locke have also been invited to serve on the panel, as have former governors Riley, Hunt and McKernan. Dr. Clinton Bristow has already accepted the invitation to serve on the panel.

Do you want to accept the College Board's invitation to serve on this panel?

Yes _____

No _____