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SAVE THE DATE:

- **Banner 8 Upgrade**— March 4-11, 2010
- **TOAD Training**— Contact your MAU or campus training center for specific dates
- **uStore/Bill Payment** — December 15, 2009

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- This edition and all future editions of the FinSys News Flash will be available on our website!

Banner 8 Upgrade on the Horizon & What's TOAD??

The upgrade to Banner 8 is coming up in Spring 2010. In preparation for this upgrade, the Financial Systems Office is hard at work. Our programmers are currently applying all of the UA modifications to the Finance forms and reports. Soon our operations staff will begin testing each Finance form and report to ensure functionality before Banner 8 goes into production in March.

Two exciting changes in Banner 8 are expanded name fields and dollar amount fields on all

Finance forms.

One of the major stumbling blocks in this upgrade process has been finding a replacement for Databrowser, as Databrowser is not compatible with the new version of Banner.

A few months ago, a replacement was finally selected! TOAD is a Quest product and will have very similar functionality to what Databrowser provided. Testing has now been completed and TOAD is in

production. Training sessions are being scheduled during November and December. Check with your local campus training center for available training dates. Be sure to schedule your training as soon as possible, because Databrowser will be turned off on January 31, 2010.

What's New on the Web?

The Financial Systems website has a new look!! In order to comply with the web guidelines set by Statewide Public Affairs, our website has been entirely revamped. Here is our new web address:

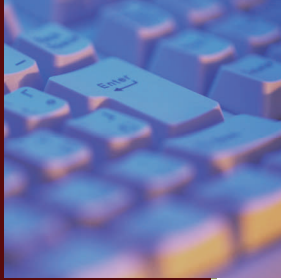
<http://www.alaska.edu/financial-systems>

We have tried to make it as user friendly as possible. Please let us know if you have any questions or comments about our new site. Don't forget to update your bookmarks, as our old site will be going offline on December 23, 2009, and the old links will no longer work.

Stop by the Banner documentation section

on our new site as well. We are updating Banner documentation on an ongoing basis. Listed above are just a few of the forms that we have updated the documentation for recently: Be sure to check back often to see what else is new on our website!

Form Name	Description
FGIJSUM	• Journal Voucher Summary
FGIJVCD	• List of Suspended Journal Vouchers
TSAAREV	• Account Detail Review Form — Student
FRIBDET	• Research Accounting Billing Detail Inquiry
FAI2VNH	• Vendor Detail by Vendor Invoice
FFI2VTD	• Vehicle Tracking Query Form



The People Behind the Programming

Have a problem with a Banner Finance form or a suggestion on how to improve one? Contact sydevel@alaska.edu or call 450-8050! If it is decided that a design change should be implemented, the Financial Systems technical group are the ones who make the changes behind the scenes. Without further adieu, here are the people behind the programming:

- **Sue Moser** is the Manager of the technical group in Financial Systems. Sue has worked as a programmer for Financial Systems for 18 years. The technical group maintains and modifies the Banner Finance application and works to integrate other systems with Banner
- Finance. Sue recently moved to Vermont, but continues her commitment to the University by working for Financial Systems on a full-time basis from afar.
- **Sushma Sonwalkar** is the Lead Analyst Programmer for the Financial Systems technical group. She used to be very interested in social work, embroidery, knitting and sewing, but with her busy schedule now enjoys reading, travelling and learning new languages as time permits. Sushma loves her husband and family (which includes her work family) and her work.
- **Sharon Gramstad** supports the Finance and Accounts Receivable modules within Banner. She just celebrated her 30th wedding Anniversary and has two children; Nicholas, 24, recently graduated from TVC and works at OIT and Alyssa, 21, works at Lowe's while attending TVC. Sharon's hobbies are playing the mandolin with her husband and gardening.
- **Anne Holte** is the newest member of the programming team. As a Systems Programmer, Anne works on the Accounts Receivable and Financial forms in the Banner System. Current hobbies include web design, taking night classes (Photoshop and Javascript), Facebook, and yoga.

Did You Know?

• Direct Deposit •

Did you know that the University offers to all staff and students the ability to receive reimbursements via direct deposit? No more waiting for the US Mail or standing in line at the bank to deposit your reimbursement check. Have the money deposited directly into your bank account! Log on to UAOnline and click on the Finance tab to sign up today!

• OnCall Contact Info •

If you have a problem and need assistance from someone at Financial Systems, please be sure to call our OnCall telephone number (450-8050) or email us (sydevel@alaska.edu) instead of contacting the particular staff member you wish to speak with directly. This ensures that your request will be answered as quickly as possible, and won't sit around in a staff member's voicemail or email inbox if they are out of the office for any reason.

• Ask the Experts •

If you have a burning question you'd like to ask our Financial Systems experts, please send it to sydevel@alaska.edu. We'll publish questions and answers from our experts in future newsletters.

