

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

**College-Bound Students and Their Families Invited to “Paying for College,”  
A FREE Financial Aid Workshop**

*Join Honorary Co-Host U.S. Rep. John Spratt and The Sallie Mae Fund on Saturday, April 27*

**RESTON, Va., April 26, 2002** — Area high-school students and their families are invited to attend “*Paying for College*,” a free workshop on planning and paying for college, **Saturday, April 27 at 10:00 a.m. at Baxter M. Hood Continuing Education Center at York College, Barnes Theater, 452 S. Anderson Road, Rock Hill, SC.** One attendee will win a \$500 scholarship toward the cost of higher education.

“*Paying for College*” will give students and their families information to help them with one of the biggest hurdles facing college-bound students: paying for the college or university of their choice. U. S. Rep. John Spratt is scheduled to appear at the event, sponsored by The Sallie Mae Fund, the philanthropic arm of Sallie Mae, the nation’s leading provider of education loans.

Students and their families will learn about applying for and qualifying for financial aid; understanding financial aid awards; borrowing for college; the differences in federal student loan programs and more. Attendees also will be provided with free resources that detail the financial aid process.

**Individuals interested in attending should RSVP by calling (toll-free) 877-840-8224 or logging on to [www.wiredscholar.com](http://www.wiredscholar.com). Seating is limited.**

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**The Sallie Mae Fund** - the philanthropic arm of USA Education, Inc., commonly known as Sallie Mae - is committed to providing America's students with the resources they need to prepare for and gain acceptance to college. Established in 1992, The Sallie Mae Fund's efforts are directed toward educating families about financing higher education; promoting volunteerism and community service; and supporting the communities where our employees live and work.

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