SUBJECT: Financial Aid Reporting System (FARS) Collection for the 2009-2010 Academic Award Year (Fall 2009, Spring 2010)

PURPOSE: FARS requires creation and submission of a data file. For institutions utilizing the GeorgiaBEST delivered ZORFARS Data Extraction Process (ZORFARS), you should be using either Georgia Enhancements 7.27.2 or 8.4.2. For release notes related to these versions INCLUDING prerequisites, http://www.usg.edu/georgia_best/banner/ga_enhancements/

 IMPACT: The ZORFARS Extraction Process has been updated as follows:
- FARS data element number F315 has been modified to change the source of Parents Adjusted Gross Income to ROTFSAP_FISAP_INCOME.
- FARS data element number F320 has been modified to change the name from Institutional Housing Plans to FAFSA Housing Plans.
- FARS data element number F340 (Institutional Housing Plans) has been added. The element is populated as follows:
    - If the "count in usage" field (STVASCD_COUNT_IN_USAGE) for the Room Assignment Status Code in the Room Assignment Status Code Validation form (STVASCD) is checked AND that status code (SLRRASG_ASCD_CODE) is assigned to the student in the Room Assignment form (SLARASG) the file is populated with 'on'.
    - If the "count in usage" field (STVASCD_COUNT_IN_USAGE) for the Room Assignment Status Code in the Room Assignment Status Code Validation form (STVASCD) is NOT checked AND that status code (SLRRASG_ASCD_CODE) is assigned to the student in the Room Assignment form (SLARASG) the file is populated with 'off'.

NEW THIS YEAR: completion of the FISAP process (RORFS10) is required prior to running the ZORFARS process. For additional information, please see Financial Aid/INAS 7.18 upgrade at: http://www.usg.edu/georgia_best/banner/announcement/banner_baseline_7.x_upgrades_8-13-10/

Financial Aid/INAS 8.8 upgrade at: http://www.usg.edu/georgia_best/banner/announcement/banner_baseline_8.x_upgrades_9-17-10/

DOCUMENTATION: Functional documentation is posted at http://www.usg.edu/research/datasys/fars/

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