

Schaffer named to director's post at Catholic University of America

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STEVENSVILLE — Mindy Schaffer of Stevensville has been named director of financial services at The Catholic University of America in Washington, D.C. Her responsibilities will include managing \$177 million in federal and institutional financial aid programs, supervise a staff of ten and play an active role on the enrollment management team.

Schaffer has more than 25 years of experience in higher education, specifically in the field of financial aid. Knowledge of financial aid is a very specialized skill, maneuvering federal and state regulations governing grants, scholarships, loans and work programs.

She was previously the director of financial aid at Chesapeake College for 19 years and formerly the financial aid director at Bowie State University, holding progressive positions over her 13-year tenure at the public historically black university.

Schaffer is a strong advocate for the profession, providing students and their families counseling in financial aid options and resources. Her dedication to the field is exemplified by her reputation as a “community director of financial aid” by her willingness to counsel any family regardless of their school of choice.

Schaffer has built her reputation by conducting financial aid workshops at all the local high schools, middle and elementary schools in the five-county region, being a point of contact for guidance counselors in Maryland and Delaware for questions and referrals and her active participation in federal and state legislation affecting aid resources.

The Catholic University of America is a private university founded in 1887 and offers over 60 undergraduate degrees, 78 master's degrees and 45 doctoral degrees. Schaffer will continue to advocate for the profession and hopes once she gets settled to continue to provide services to the community.