

**Denotes sessions ideal for newer aid officers, but are helpful to all!*

Sunday, October 17, 2021

Time	Event/Session Description	Location
7:00AM - 9:00 AM	Breakfast Available (included with hotel stay)	Coastal Grill
9:00am-Noon	Board Meeting (Lunch provided)	TBD
8:00AM - 12:00PM	NASFAA-U Credential : Satisfactory Academic Progress (Separate Registration Required, \$50)	TBD
	Instructor Justin Pichey- Director of Financial Aid, Columbia College	
8:00AM - 12:00PM	NASFAA-U Credential: Cost of Attendance (Separate Registration Required, \$50)	TBD
	Instructor Nicole Brownlow- Assistant Director of Financial Aid, Trident Technical College	
1:00PM - 5:30PM	Conference Registration Open	Cambridge Hall
11:30AM-2:30PM	Exhibit Area Set-up	Cambridge Hall
2:30PM - 5:30PM	Silent Auction and Exhibit Area Open	Cambridge Hall
3:00PM-4:00PM	Opening Business Meeting	Kensington DEF
	Presiding: Carolyn Sparks, SCASFAA President- AVP of Enrollment, Wofford College	
	Popular misconception...."the opening business meeting is just for those on the board." Not true!! The opening business meeting is not only packed full of associational updates, but it sets the stage for all that we will see during the conference and important announcements for what's happening. Please attend!	
4:00PM - 5:30PM	Inclusive Leadership: Expanding your Circle of Leadership	Kensington DEF
	In this session we will explore what it means to practice inclusive leadership. We will look first at how we each construct our identity, next turn to those with whom we work and/or manage, and finally we will explore our place in our profession. This is a powerful session that just may change the way you view leadership!	
	Presenter Daniel Barkowitz- AVP of Financial Aid and Veterans Affairs, Valencia College	
	Moderator	
6:00PM - 6:30PM	First Time Attendee's Meet and Greet	TBD
7:00PM - 9:00PM	President's Reception: It's Luau Time!	Kensington G
	Let's mingle and network like we haven't in almost TWO years! President Sparks invites you to Luau outdoors (weather permitting) SCASFAA style. We will also take this time to thank our vendors for their continual support through thick and virtual, as well as hear from them. This will be a full sit down meal...so limbo your way on over for a good time.	
9:00PM-11:00PM	Vendor Reception (By Invitation Only)	Night Watch

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8:00AM - 12:30PM	Conference Registration Open	
8:00AM - 12:30PM	Silent Auction and Exhibit Area Open	
8:30AM - 9:30AM	Concurrent Sessions	
Session 1	One Stop Shop	
	Need description (emailed Celena)	
	Presenter	Celena Tullos, Director of Financial Aid, University of Tennessee- SASFAA President
	Presenter	Michelle Jacobson, Assistant Director of Financial Aid, Tri County Technical College
	Moderator	
Session 2	Professional Judgment is K.I.N.D. (Verification is not PJ)	
	Professional Judgement is a mighty power offered to Financial Aid Administrators by the Department of Education, yet many of us find ourselves at an impasse when reviewing PJ requests from students. As financial aid professionals, we need to better understand the difference between PJ and verification, as well as make full use of our statutory authority to apply our expertise on behalf of students. Let's review the pitfalls and practices of PJ and remember why KINDness matters.	
	Presenters	Daniel Barkowitz, AVP of Financial Aid and Veterans Affairs, Valencia College
	Moderator	
Session 3	FAFSA Completion	
	Need description (emailed Regina)	
	Presenter	Regina Haley-Smith, TRiO
	Moderator	
9:30AM - 9:45AM	Transition Break/Visit Sponsors and Charity Booth	
9:45AM - 10:45AM	Concurrent Sessions	
Session 1	Eliminating Bias in Financial Aid....where do we start?	
	Join us as we explore our own journeys to remove bias from our practices and policies within the financial aid application, awarding, and disbursement cycles. We know and acknowledge that our structures and policies carry biases (whether intentional or not). What do we do to begin to pull down these biases and allow true equity and inclusion for all? What should we tackle first? Where do we even begin?	

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	Presenter	Daniel Barkowitz, AVP of Financial Aid and Veterans Affairs, Valencia College	
	Presenter	Zachary Christian, Deputy Director, SC Tuition Grants Commission	
	Moderator		
Session 2	Return to Repayment: Precautions and Preparation...YES, repayment is really happening this time!		
	The pandemic continues and the CARES Act that has afforded some relief to all student loan borrowers by bringing them current and eliminating the need for payments has been extended until January 2022. As the resume repayment date draws closer, borrowers and schools will be dealing with a much different landscape than has been seen in past trends. Unlike any other time in loan repayment history, understanding the ramifications of a mass resume repayment date on student loans can help you understand the impact it may have on your borrowers and your school. This in-depth session will talk about the challenges this presents for students and schools along with recommendations on steps to take to ease the strain.		
	Presenter	Shannon Jones - Assistant Vice President, Inceptia	
	Moderator		
Session 3	What does a Director of Financial Aid do....and how you can do it too!		
	Ever wonder just what a director does? Wonder why they use funny words like FISAP, PPA, and ECAR? Are you considering climbing the ladder yourself one day (soon or further in your career)? Come to this session to find out what you can be involved in now and how to gain base knowledge on how a director budgets, cares for their team, operates within the big picture, and survives all the acronyms!		
	Presenter	Melanie Gillespie, Director of Financial Aid, Tri County Technical College	
	Presenter	Kyle Wade, Director of Financial Aid, Spartanburg Methodist College	
	Moderator		
10:45AM-11:00AM	Transition Break/Visit Sponsors and Charity Booth		
11:00AM - 12:00PM	Concurrent Sessions		
Session 1	What happens when the well runs dry?		
	Presentation about how to help students who may have relied on HEERF funding. (Full description pending)		
	Presenter	Celena Tullos, Director of Financial Aid, University of Tennessee- SASFAA President	
	Panelist	Melanie Gillespie, Director of Financial Aid, Tri County Technical College	
	Panelist		
	Moderator		
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Session 2	Associational Involvement		
	Need description (emailed both)		
	Presenter	Holly Gilliam, University of South Carolina Kyle Wade, Director of Financial Aid, Spartanburg Methodist College	
	Moderator		
Session 3	Financial Stress of Undergraduate Students		
	Finances are often cited as one of the top traumatic challenges college students experience. College students, a vulnerable population, face rising college costs with little to no knowledge of how to manage finances, leading to increased levels of student debt and increased levels of financial stress. This stress can have negative effects on students, from poor coping mechanisms (such as binge-drinking) to graduation rates and financial decision making. These effects are especially concerning for students in already at-risk populations. This session examines how demographic characteristics, such as gender, race, first-generation status, and class level predicts that stress. Participants will also receive recommendations for increased financial literacy on college campuses & how financial aid administrators can take part in those efforts to reach a diverse group of students.		
	Presenter	Dr. Samantha Hicks- Director of Financial Aid, Coastal Carolina	
	Moderator		
12:15PM - 1:30PM	Lunch and NASFAA Update (Buffet Lunch)		Kensington DEF
1:30-1:45	Transition Break/Visit Sponsors and Charity Booth		
1:45 PM – 3:00 PM	General Session		
	Verification: 2021-22 and 2022-23		Kensington DEF
	This session will include a discussion of the verification requirements for the 2022-23 FAFSA cycle and review verification issues related to the 2021-22 cycle. We will discuss acceptable documentation for the various verification groups as well as guidance on items such as Verification of Non-Filing and amended returns. We will have a Q & A time for scenarios as well.		
	Presenter	Anita Olivencia, U.S. Department of Education	
Q & A portion	Panelist	Celena Tullos, Director of Financial Aid, University of Tennessee- SASFAA President	
	Panelist	Elizabeth Milam, Director of Financial Aid, Clemson University	
	Panelist	Joey Derrick, Director of Financial Aid, University of South Carolina	
	Moderator	Melanie Gillespie, Director of Financial Aid, Tri County Technical College	
3:00-3:15	Transition Break/Visit Sponsors and Charity Booth		

4:00PM - 5:00PM	Tulip Trot	
	Embassy Suites Property	
	Come join us for a "trot" for Parkinson's Disease. Define trot? No, you define it! This is a walk/run for those who can't....I am sure most will walk, so do not let this intimidate you! Come Trot with your colleagues for a good cause and a good time! <i>There will be a separate registration for this event.</i>	
	Presenter	Missy Perry -Director of Financial Aid, Piedmont Technical College
	Moderator	Melanie Gillespie, Director of Financial Aid, Tri County Technical College
5:00 PM - Until	Dinner On Your Own	
Tuesday, October 19, 2021		
7:00AM - 9:00 AM	Breakfast Available (included with hotel stay)	Coastal Grill
8:00AM - 12:30PM	Conference Registration Open	
8:00AM - 12:30PM	Silent Auction and Exhibit Area Open	
8:30AM - 9:30AM	Concurrent Sessions	
Session 1	Awarding Title IV Aid for Summer, Intercession, and Modules	
	This presentation goes beyond our session on the Basics of Determining Academic Calendars to describe the awarding of Title IV aid for summer terms and intersessions. In addition, we will also explore the concept of awarding Federal Pell Grant and Federal Direct Loans in modules. Clinical work will also be discussed.	
	Presenter	Anita Olivencia, U.S. Department of Education
	Moderator	
Session 2	Financial Literacy doesn't have to be hard!	
	Need description (emailed Sarah)	
	Presenter	Sarah Dowd, Director of Financial Aid, Trident Technical College
	Presenter	Nicole Brownlow- Assistant Director of Financial Aid, Trident Technical College
	Moderator	
Session 3	Customer Service Session	
	Need description (emailed Mike)	
	Presenter	Mike Fox, SC Student Loan Corporation
	Moderator	
9:30AM - 9:45AM	Transition Break/Visit Sponsors and Charity Booth	

9:45AM - 10:45AM	Concurrent Sessions		
Session 1	There's Power in the Pivot ... Table that is!		Kensington DEF
	In this hands on session you will learn the power of pivot tables! What's a pivot table, you ask? It's in Excel and it's used to summarize, sort, reorganize, count, total or average data stored in a table. Having data is one thing, knowing how to properly organize it is another. Bring your laptop because this is a hands on session! You will have examples provided and then a time to use your own data ...so bring a spreadsheet of your own you'd like to practice on.		
	Presenter	Missy Perry, Director of Financial Aid, Piedmont Technical College	
	Presenter	Adam Ghiloni, Dean of Enrollment Services, Tri County Technical College	
Moderator			
Session 2	How to Engage Students better than Tik Tok		
	With access to information in the palm of their hands, you might wonder how students are missing messages and action items you send their way. We have put together a list of tools to help you engage with your students and get the most out of your interactions.		
	Presenter	Chansone Durden, Earnest	
	Presenter	Zachary Christian, Deputy Director, SC Tuition Grants Commission	
Moderator			
Session 3	Managing and Protecting your credit		
	With the U.S. entering the second year of the coronavirus pandemic, consumer spending has undergone significant shifts. The country's economic downtrend, unemployment rates, loss of income, and general uncertainty about the future have quickly altered consumer spending, debt levels, and credit behavior. In this session we will focus on both sides of the crisis: First, compare the latest data on both student debt and general consumer credit behavior before the crisis in the U.S. and South Carolina; second, guide attendees through protecting and managing personal credit under normal circumstances. In this session, we will also compare the latest data on both student debt and general consumer credit behavior before, and during the crisis. On national and state levels, we will address the following questions and topics: 1. What is the overall impact of the crisis on credit scores, consumer behavior, and the amount of debt? 2. Tips to protect and improve your credit score. 3. How to guard against consumer credit fraud. 4. How the CARES Act assistance impacts student credit. 5. Managing credit through financial hardship and COVID-19.		
	Presenter	Bill Ayers, College Ave	
	Moderator		
10:45AM-11:00AM	Transition Break/Visit Sponsors and Charity Booth		
11:00AM - 12:00PM	Concurrent Sessions		
Session 1	R2T4 in Modules		Kensington DEF
	When courses in a program do not span the entire length of the payment period or period of enrollment, you have modules! In this session, we will start by defining both modules and withdrawals before giving details on how module situations impact the R2T4 process. A number of example withdrawal scenarios will be reviewed in detail. The new R2T4 regulations effective July 1, 2021 will be discussed.		
	Presenter	Anita Olivencia, U.S. Department of Education	
	Moderator		

Session 2	Advocacy: Yourself, Your Staff, Your Students, and Your Institution		
	Gone is the time that we can simply focus on our work and expect to receive the resources and supports needed to be successful in our jobs and have the proper resources to serve our students. Advocating is about taking a student first, data driven approach to gain the resources, support, and influence needed to fulfill your department and institutional missions. Join us for this session to discuss tangible ways to engage in more direct conversations as a partner and influencer in the decision making process.		
	Presenter	Adam Ghiloni, Dean of Enrollment Services, Tri County Technical College Joey Derrick, Director of Financial Aid, University of South Carolina	
	Moderator		
Session 3	Financial Aid Counselor 101		
	Join us for an overview of federal financial aid and unique situations. Yeah, we see a lot in this profession! Questions on the FAFSA may be difficult for students in special situations such as orphans, foster care, or ward of the court. We will also cover dependency overrides! Information on undocumented parents and DACA. There will be dedicated time to answer your specific questions as well.		
	Presenter	Elizabeth Milam, Director of Financial Aid, Clemson University	
	Moderator		
12:15PM - 2:15PM	SCASFAA Awards and Recognition Luncheon & SASFAA Update		Kensington DEF
	Presenter	Carolyn Sparks, SCASFAA President	
	Presenter	Celena Tullos, SASFAA President	
2:30 PM – 3:30 PM	Birds of a Feather Sessions		
Session 1	Banner		
	Flock on into this session to learn about the latest news with your software as well as tips, tricks, and solutions to questions submitted by the membership for current issues.		
	Presenters	Missy Perry, Director of Financial Aid, Piedmont Technical College April Baur, Assistant Director of Financial Aid, Wofford College	
	Moderator		
Session 2	PowerFAIDS		
	Flock on into this session to learn about the latest news with your software as well as tips, tricks, and solutions to questions submitted by the membership for current issues.		
	Presenters	Justin Pichey- Director of Financial Aid, Columbia College	
	Moderator		
Session 3	Colleague		
	Flock on into this session to learn about the latest news with your software as well as tips, tricks, and solutions to questions submitted by the membership for current issues.		
	Presenters	Kevin Perry, Assistant Director of Financial Aid, Coastal Carolina University Sarah Dowd, Director of Financial Aid, Trident Technical College	
	Moderator		
3:30 PM – 3:45 PM	Transition Break/Visit Sponsors and Charity Booth		
3:45PM - 4:45PM	Concurrent Sessions		

Session 1	Top 10 Compliance Findings		Kensington DEF
	Are you curious about the causes of FSA's Top 10 compliance audit and program review findings? We surveyed deficient compliance audits and program review reports issued in fiscal year 2020 to bring you the latest information. Come learn what you can do to stay in compliance with Title IV regulations and statutes through training and strengthening internal controls. Enjoy the benefits of a clean compliance audit and/or program review!		
	Presenters	Anita Olivencia, U.S. Department of Education	
	Moderator		
Session 2	Creating a Self Care Plan		
	A self-care plan is a roadmap to promote health and wellbeing. In this session, we will learn how to properly develop a self-care plan. Having a self-care plan will help you enhance your health and wellbeing and manage stress. You will learn to identify practices and activities that support your wellbeing and help you sustain self-care in the long run.		
	Presenters	Angel Onley-Livingston, LPC, NCC, SEAT, PEAT- Director of Counseling, Coastal Dr. Lashia Bowers- Intercultural Specialist, Coastal Carolina	
	Moderator	Traci Singleton, Citadel	
Session 3	The Nuts and Bolts of State Aid		
	Need description (emailed Gerrick)		
	Presenter	Dr. Gerrick Hampton, SC Commission on Higher Education	
	Moderator		
5:00 PM - Until	Dinner On Your Own		
8:00PM - 10:00PM	Family Feud with your Financial Aid Fam!		
Wednesday, October 20, 2021			
Time	Event/Session Description		Location
7:00AM - 9:00 AM	Breakfast Available		Coastal Grill
8:30AM - 9:30AM	Federal Update		Kensington DEF
	In this session, we will hear from the U.S. Department of Education on what's coming our way this year and beyond. Don't miss your chance to be in the know for important information affecting your institution and students.		
	Presenter	Multiple Presenters, U.S. Department of Education	
	Moderator	Missy Perry, Piedmont Technical College	
9:45AM - 11:15AM	State Update		Kensington DEF
	In this session, representatives from South Carolina Student Loan, the South Carolina Tuition Grants Commission, and the South Carolina Commission on Higher Education will provide information on state aid programs, including loans, grants, and scholarships.		
	Presenters	Ray Jones, South Carolina Student Loan Katie Harrison, SC Tuition Grants Commission Zachary Christian, SC Tuition Grants Commission Dr. Karen Woodfaulk, SC Commission on Higher Education Dr. Gerrick Hampton, SC Commission on Higher Education	
	Moderator	Missy Perry, Piedmont Technical College	

11:15AM - 11:30PM	Closing Business Meeting	Kensington DEF
	Presiding: Carolyn Sparks, SCASFAA President, Wofford College	