

*\*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)	Eton
8:00AM - 12:00PM	<b>NASFAA-U Credential : Satisfactory Academic Progress (Separate Registration Required, \$50)</b>	Oxford
	<b>Instructor</b> Justin Pichey, Senior Director of Financial Aid, Columbia College	
8:00AM - 12:00PM	<b>NASFAA-U Credential: Cost of Attendance (Separate Registration Required, \$50)</b>	Winchester
	<b>Instructor</b> 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	<b>Opening Business Meeting</b> <input type="checkbox"/>	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." <b>Not true!!</b> 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. <b>Please attend!</b>	
4:00PM - 5:30PM	<b>Inclusive Leadership: Expanding your Circle of Leadership</b>	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!	
	<b>Presenter</b> Daniel Barkowitz, AVP of Financial Aid and Veterans Affairs, Valencia College	
	<b>Moderator</b> Ana Montjoy, Alternative Loans Coordinator, College of Charleston	
6:00PM - 6:30PM	<b>First Time Attendee's Meet and Greet</b>	Winchester
7:00PM - 9:00PM	<b>President's Reception: It's Luau Time!</b>	Kensington G
	<b>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.</b>	
9:00PM-11:00PM	<b>Vendor Reception (By Invitation Only)</b>	Night Watch

**Monday, October 18, 2021**

<b>7:00AM - 9:00 AM</b>	Breakfast Available (included with hotel stay)	<b>Coastal Grill</b>
<b>8:00AM - 12:30PM</b>	Conference Registration Open	<b>Cambridge Hall</b>
<b>8:00AM - 12:30PM</b>	Silent Auction and Exhibit Area Open	<b>Cambridge Hall</b>
<b>8:30AM - 9:30AM</b>	<b>Concurrent Sessions</b>	
Session 1	<b>One Stop Shop - What Does It Mean for Financial Aid?</b>	
	Join two schools as they discuss the good, the bad, and the ugly impacts of implementing a "One Stop Shop" model. What does it mean for the traditional FA office and how do we make it work for us? Learn what it takes to make a One Stop successful for your students and your financial aid team.	
	<b>Presenter</b>	Celena Tullos, Director of Financial Aid, University of Tennessee - SASFAA President
	<b>Presenter</b>	Adam Ghiloni, Dean of Enrollment Services, Tri County Technical College
	<b>Moderator</b>	Jennifer Williams, Associate Director, Clemson University
Session 2	<b>Professional Judgment is K.I.N.D. (Verification is not PJ)</b>	
	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.	
	<b>Presenters</b>	Daniel Barkowitz, AVP of Financial Aid and Veterans Affairs, Valencia College
	<b>Moderator</b>	Zachary Christian, Deputy Director, SC Tuition Grants Commission
Session 3	<b>Ready, Set, GO! How to get students to complete the FAFSA on time.</b>	
	Join this session to learn tips, tricks, and methods on how to get students to complete the FAFSA on time. You will explore tried and true methods from college access professionals.	
	<b>Presenter</b>	DaWayne Nettles, University of SC Upward Bound Director
	<b>Moderator</b>	Jernitha Smith, Financial Aid Counselor, University of South Carolina
9:30AM - 9:45AM	Transition Break/Visit Sponsors and Charity Booth	<b>Cambridge Hall</b>
<b>9:45AM - 10:45AM</b>	<b>Concurrent Sessions</b>	
Session 1	<b>Eliminating Bias in Financial Aid....where do we start?</b>	
	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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	<b>Presenter</b>	Daniel Barkowitz, AVP of Financial Aid and Veterans Affairs, Valencia College	
	<b>Presenter</b>	Zachary Christian, Deputy Director, SC Tuition Grants Commission	
	<b>Moderator</b>	Biz Daniel, Senior Marketing Associate, ScholarNet	
Session 2	<b>Return to Repayment: Precautions and Preparation...YES, repayment is really happening this time!</b>		<b>Kensington A</b>
	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.		
	<b>Presenter</b>	Shannon Jones, Assistant Vice President, Inceptia	
	<b>Moderator</b>	Kay Henderson, Assistant Director of Financial Aid, Presbyterian College	
Session 3	<b>What does a Director of Financial Aid do....and how you can do it too!</b>		<b>Kensington B</b>
	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!		
	<b>Presenter</b>	Melanie Gillespie, Director of Financial Aid, Tri County Technical College	
	<b>Presenter</b>	Kyle Wade, Director of Financial Aid, Spartanburg Methodist College	
	<b>Moderator</b>	Jennifer Williams, Associate Director, Clemson University	
10:45AM-11:00AM	Transition Break/Visit Sponsors and Charity Booth		<b>Cambridge Hall</b>
<b>11:00AM - 12:00PM</b>	<b>Concurrent Sessions</b>		
Session 1	<b>What happens when the well runs dry?</b>		<b>Kensington DEF</b>
	Come join us as we discuss ways to proactively address what happens when the HEERF funds are gone. With COVID still very much rampant but no signs of future funding, we need to explore how to help those students who have grown accustomed to the extra money provided by three rounds of HEERF. There will also be time for a Q & A session.		
	<b>Presenter</b>	Celena Tullos, Director of Financial Aid, University of Tennessee- SASFAA President	
	<b>Panelist</b>	Melanie Gillespie, Director of Financial Aid, Tri County Technical College	
	<b>Panelist</b>	Carolyn Sparks, AVP of Enrollment and Financial Aid-Wofford, SCASFAA President	
<b>Moderator</b>	Cameron Mott, Assistant Director of Financial Aid, Coastal Carolina University		
	<b>Never Underestimate the Difference You Make and the Lives You Touch!</b>		

Session 2	SCASFAA's committees are busy creating amazing opportunities to learn, advocate, network, and so much more! They need your expertise, your energy, and your help. Come meet with several SCASFAA committees to see how you can not only make a difference, but GROW with SCASFAA.		<b>Kensington A</b>
	<b>Presenter</b>	Holly Gilliam, Assistant Director of Selected Programs, University of South Carolina Kyle Wade, Director of Financial Aid, Spartanburg Methodist College	
	<b>Moderator</b>	Kala Hudson, Senior Financial Aid Counselor, Converse University	
Session 3	<b>Financial Stress of Undergraduate Students</b>		<b>Kensington B</b>
	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.		
	<b>Presenter</b>	Dr. Samantha Hicks, Director of Financial Aid, Coastal Carolina	
	<b>Moderator</b>	Jennifer Williams, Associate Director, Clemson University	
<b>12:15PM - 1:30PM</b>	<b>Lunch and NASFAA Update (Buffet Lunch)</b>		<b>Kensington DEF</b>
1:30-1:45	Transition Break/Visit Sponsors and Charity Booth		<b>Cambridge Hall</b>
<b>1:45 PM – 3:00 PM</b>	<b>General Session</b>		
	<b>Verification: 2021-22 and 2022-23</b>		<b>Kensington DEF</b>
	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.		
	<b>Presenter</b>	Anita Olivencia, U.S. Department of Education	
<b>Q &amp; A portion</b>	<b>Panelist</b>	Celena Tullos, Director of Financial Aid, University of Tennessee - SASFAA President	
	<b>Panelist</b>	Elizabeth Milam, Director of Financial Aid, Clemson University	
	<b>Panelist</b>	Joey Derrick, Director of Financial Aid, University of South Carolina	
	<b>Moderator</b>	Melanie Gillespie, Director of Financial Aid, Tri County Technical College	
3:00-3:15	Transition Break/Visit Sponsors and Charity Booth		

<b>4:00PM - 5:00PM</b>	<b>Tulip Trot</b>	
	<b>Embassy Suites Property</b>	<b>In front of Hotel</b>
	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><u>There will be a separate registration for this event.</u></i>	
	<b>Presenter</b> Missy Perry, Director of Financial Aid, Piedmont Technical College	
	<b>Moderator</b> Melanie Gillespie, Director of Financial Aid, Tri County Technical College	
<b>5:00 PM - Until</b>	<b>Dinner On Your Own</b>	
<b>Tuesday, October 19, 2021</b>		
<b>7:00AM - 9:00 AM</b>	Breakfast Available (included with hotel stay)	<b>Coastal Grill</b>
<b>8:00AM - 12:30PM</b>	Conference Registration Open	<b>Cambridge Hall</b>
<b>8:00AM - 12:30PM</b>	Silent Auction and Exhibit Area Open	<b>Cambridge Hall</b>
<b>8:30AM - 9:30AM</b>	<b>Concurrent Sessions</b>	
Session 1	<b>Awarding Title IV Aid for Summer, Intercession, and Modules</b>	<b>Kensington DEF</b>
	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.	
	<b>Presenter</b> Anita Olivencia, U.S. Department of Education	
	<b>Moderator</b> Marty Carney, Director of Financial Aid, Greenville Technical College	
Session 2	<b>Financial Wellness Isn't Just for Students Anymore</b>	<b>Kensington A</b>
	Financial Literacy is an important part of what we do as Financial Aid Administrators. The good news is, we are NOT alone....and it doesn't have to be complicated. Come join us in this session to learn practical tips you can use on your campus to engage students in financial wellness.	
	<b>Presenter</b> Sarah Dowd, Director of Financial Aid, Trident Technical College	
	<b>Presenter</b> Nicole Brownlow, Assistant Director of Financial Aid, Trident Technical College	
	<b>Moderator</b> Rodney Walton, Campus Relations Manager, PNC Bank	
Session 3	<b>Smile and Move: The Art of Service</b>	<b>Kensington B</b>
	Providing service to customers, co-workers, family, and friends is more than a job, it is an opportunity. An opportunity to provide joy, and when done right, an opportunity to bring joy into your own life. This fun filled session will inspire you to look at service in an entirely different way.	
	<b>Presenter</b> Mike Fox, Director of Outreach, SC Student Loan Corporation	
	<b>Moderator</b> Katie Harrison, Executive Director, SC Tuition Grants Commission	
<b>9:30AM - 9:45AM</b>	Transition Break/Visit Sponsors and Charity Booth	<b>Cambridge Hall</b>
<b>9:45AM - 10:45AM</b>	<b>Concurrent Sessions</b>	

Session 1	<b>There's Power in the Pivot ... Table that is!</b>		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.		
	<b>Presenter</b>	Missy Perry, Director of Financial Aid, Piedmont Technical College	
	<b>Presenter</b>	Adam Ghiloni, Dean of Enrollment Services, Tri County Technical College	
	<b>Moderator</b>	Jennifer Williams, Associate Director, Clemson University	
Session 2	<b>How to Engage Students better than Tik Tok</b>		Kensington A
	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.		
	<b>Presenter</b>	Chansone Durden, Earnest	
	<b>Presenter</b>	Zachary Christian, Deputy Director, SC Tuition Grants Commission	
	<b>Moderator</b>	Susan Young, Director of Financial Aid, Bob Jones University	
Session 3	<b>Managing and Protecting your credit</b>		Kensington B
	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:		
	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. What is the overall impact of the crisis on credit scores, consumer behavior, and the amount of debt?</li> <li>2. Tips to protect and improve your credit score.</li> <li>3. How to guard against consumer credit fraud.</li> <li>4. How the CARES Act assistance impacts student credit.</li> <li>5. Managing credit through financial hardship and COVID-19.</li> </ol>		
	<b>Presenter</b>	Bill Ayers, College Ave	
	<b>Moderator</b>	Kelly Savoie, Director, Assistant Region Head - South, Sallie Mae	
10:45AM-11:00AM	Transition Break/Visit Sponsors and Charity Booth		Cambridge Hall
<b>11:00AM - 12:00PM</b>	<b>Concurrent Sessions</b>		
Session 1	<b>R2T4 in Modules</b>		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.		
	<b>Presenter</b>	Anita Olivencia, U.S. Department of Education	
	<b>Moderator</b>	Kevin Perry, Senior Assistant Director of Electronic Services, Coastal Carolina University	
<b>Advocacy: Yourself, Your Staff, Your Students, and Your Institution</b>			

Session 2	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.		Kensington A
	<b>Presenter</b>	Adam Ghiloni, Dean of Enrollment Services, Tri County Technical College Joey Derrick, Director of Financial Aid, University of South Carolina	
	<b>Moderator</b>	Dr. Gerrick Hampton, Associate Director of Student Affairs, SC Commission on Higher	
Session 3	<b>Financial Aid Counselor 101</b>		Kensington B
	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.		
	<b>Presenter</b>	Elizabeth Milam, Director of Financial Aid, Clemson University	
	<b>Moderator</b>	Shawndelea Hudson, Assistant Director, Piedmont Technical College	
<b>12:15PM - 2:15PM</b>	<b>SCASFAA Awards and Recognition Luncheon &amp; SASFAA Update</b>		Kensington DEF
	<b>Presenter</b>	Carolyn Sparks, SCASFAA President	
	<b>Presenter</b>	Celena Tullos, SASFAA President	
<b>2:30 PM – 3:30 PM</b>	<b>Birds of a Feather Sessions</b>		
Session 1	<b>Banner</b>		Kensington DEF
	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.		
	<b>Presenters</b>	Missy Perry, Director of Financial Aid, Piedmont Technical College April Baur, Assistant Director of Financial Aid, Wofford College	
	<b>Moderator</b>	Jennifer Williams, Associate Director, Clemson University	
Session 2	<b>PowerFAIDS</b>		Kensington A
	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.		
	<b>Presenters</b>	Justin Pichey, Senior Director of Financial Aid, Columbia College	
	<b>Moderator</b>	Patty Hix, Director of Financial Aid, Columbia International University	
Session 3	<b>Colleague</b>		Kensington B
	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.		
	<b>Presenters</b>	Kevin Perry, Senior Assistant Director of Electronic Services, Coastal Carolina University Sarah Dowd, Director of Financial Aid, Trident Technical College	
	<b>Moderator</b>	Tonya Mack, Director of Student Support Services, Florence Darlington Technical College	
3:30 PM – 3:45 PM	Transition Break/Visit Sponsors and Charity Booth- Vendor Breakdown begins		Cambridge Hall
<b>3:45PM - 4:45PM</b>	<b>Concurrent Sessions</b>		
	<b>Top 10 Compliance Findings</b>		

Session 1	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!		Kensington DEF
	<b>Presenters</b>	Anita Olivencia, U.S. Department of Education	
	<b>Moderator</b>	Tara Gibbs, Senior Financial Aid Counselor, University of South Carolina	
Session 2	<b>Creating a Self Care Plan</b>		Kensington A
	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.		
	<b>Presenters</b>	Angel Onley-Livingston, LPC, NCC, SEAT, PEAT, Director of Counseling, Coastal Carolina University Dr. Lashia Bowers, Intercultural Specialist, Coastal Carolina	
	<b>Moderator</b>	Ana Montjoy, Alternative Loans Coordinator, College of Charleston	
Session 3	<b>The Nuts and Bolts of State Aid</b>		Kensington B
	This session is geared toward those who are new to state aid, residency, and the connection between the two. It will cover the how to's and must have's for Residency and will also touch on the resident and academic requirements for awarding state scholarships.		
	<b>Presenter</b>	Dr. Gerrick Hampton, Associate Director of Student Affairs, SC Commission on Higher	
	<b>Moderator</b>	Michelle Upchurch, Associate Director of Financial Aid, Limestone University	
5:00 PM - Until	<b>Dinner On Your Own</b>		
8:00PM - 10:00PM	<b>Family Feud with your Financial Aid Fam!</b>		Kensington DEF
<b>Wednesday, October 20, 2021</b>			
<b>Time</b>	<b>Event/Session Description</b>		<b>Location</b>
7:00AM - 9:00 AM	Breakfast Available		Coastal Grill
8:30AM - 9:30AM	<b>Federal Update</b>		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.		
	<b>Presenter</b>	Multiple Presenters, U.S. Department of Education	
	<b>Moderator</b>	Missy Perry, Piedmont Technical College	
9:45AM - 11:15AM	<b>State Update</b>		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.		
	<b>Presenters</b>	Ray Jones, South Carolina Student Loan Zachary Christian, SC Tuition Grants Commission Dr. Karen Woodfaulk, SC Commission on Higher Education Dr. Gerrick Hampton, SC Commission on Higher Education	
	<b>Moderator</b>	Missy Perry, Piedmont Technical College	
<b>Closing Business Meeting</b>			



**11:15AM - 11:30PM**

Presiding: Carolyn Sparks, SCASFAA President, Wofford College

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