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From the President

Gayle Yamry, 2017-18 MAFAA President

Hello MAFAA Members,

Hope you all are winding down from your fall starts. Hopefully you do not see faces like this—either yours or the students!



But, you are ready for FAFSA 2018-2019? Next week?

Who would have thought making FAFSA easier would make so much more work for each of our offices. Now that the brunt of conflicting information is behind us we can all take a breath and reflect on the benefits prior-year and early FAFSA submission have had for students. Share your thoughts on the list serv, join the conversation! What have we learned, what can we do better to serve students?

Thanks to those of you who volunteered at the National College Fair September 27th and 28th at the Convention Center in Minneapolis. MAFAA members helped hundreds of students as they explored college options and learned about financial aid while at the NCF. And don't forget to help out your local schools with FAFSA completion nights. Outreach is sending out weekly notices with schools looking for FAFSA professionals to assist students and parents with FAFSA completion. I personally enjoy the interaction and families are so appreciative — it is well worth your time.

Just around the corner is our fall training day October 24th. Registration is open and it is free to all current MAFAA members. It is a great time to learn something new, get some questions answered, and network with your colleagues from around the state. Student Employment workshop follows the next day on October 25th. Registration is also open and free to members of MAFAA.

2017-2018 marks MAFAA's 50th year as a fully volunteer organization of financial aid professionals. As we reflect on what our goals have been, we must also start the conversation of who we want to be in the future. I pose some questions for you, Should we be more active as an organization in the political arena to set the future of financial aid for students in the future? How do we mentor the new professional and engage our more seasoned professionals? What do we need to do to maintain the stability of the organization? If you would like to be a part of such a conversation, contact me or Anne Dahlen, our president elect. We would love to put together a group or two to discuss these questions. Think about what is important to you about being a member of MAFAA.

Volunteer! We need you!

See you all out and about soon!



Register is Open for MAFAA Training Events

Fall Training Day — October 24

Student Employment Workshop — October 25

The **MAFAA Fall Financial Aid Training Day** 2017 is **OPEN!** Register NOW for the event by [clicking HERE](#)

Registration for FALL TRAINING DAY will close Monday, October 17th.



MAFAA

Celebrating THE PAST &
Preparing for THE FUTURE
2017-2018

Here's what you need to know:

- Where:** Eagan Community Center | [1501 Central Pkwy | Eagan, MN 55121](#)
When: Tuesday, October 24th, 2017
Time: Check-in opens at 7:30am. Sessions will run from 8:30am - 4:30pm
Cost: Free to current 2017-18 MAFAA members. You will be contacted after registration for payment if your membership is not up-to-date
Parking: Free & On-Site
Lunch: A light breakfast and lunch will be provided
Agenda: Tons of general sessions and interest sessions are scheduled for you.

Please fill out the survey in your registration confirmation email, list any accommodations, food requests, and/or questions that you may have. You may email us directly at mafaaconferenceplanning@gmail.com.

Your MAFAA Associate Members will also be on hand for the day. Come with your questions and see what's new.

Best regards from the MAFAA Conference Planning Committee Co-Chairs,
Soledad Kern soledad.kern@capella.edu & **Cathy Schuster** heuer001@umn.edu

The **MAFAA Student Employment Workshop** registration is also live online! This Financial Aid training event will be held **October 25, 2017** at **Argosy University in Eagan, MN**.

Register [HERE](#) for the Student Employment Workshop by **October 19, 2017**. There is a great line-up of interesting sessions that you won't want to miss! The potential topics to discuss and share are listed below.

Non-MAFAA members can make their payments through the Registration site OR you may follow this link to [PAYPAL](#).

Check back on the MAFAA website for updates. We are excited to have you join us at the Student Employment Workshop!

Tentative topics include:

- Student Employment State regulations*
- Employing International students*
- Community Service requirements for schools/student employees*
- Recruiting students to participate in work study*
- On-boarding Presentation*
- Panel Discussion- Best Practices for Student Employment*

A light breakfast and lunch will be offered. We will also accommodate diet restrictions. Please register now!

Questions? Please contact your Professional Development co-chairs:

Valana Hillard at valana.hillard@rasmussen.edu or **Michael Crider** at Michael.Crider@dctc.edu

See you at the MAFAA Trainings!

MASFAA (Midwest) Conference in Dayton, OH October 8-11, 2017

On behalf of the entire MASFAA Executive Council, we invite you to join us in Dayton, Ohio for the 2017 MASFAA Conference!

October 8th - 11th, we will be coming together in the "Birthplace of Aviation" for our annual conference.

Making Every Moment Count is the 2017 theme and the program is certain to soar to new levels of fun and information!

Visit the link below to register for the conference, book your hotel room, view a tentative agenda and more! And stay tuned as much more information will be coming soon!

[MASFAA REGISTRATION](#)

DAYTON, WE ARE CLEARED FOR TAKEOFF!!
Now is the time!



Can't make it to the MASFAA conference? You can still jump in and get involved and contribute to your profession in new ways. MASFAA is gearing up for a new year and your 2017-2018 MASFAA committee chairs are now starting to develop their plans and build their teams for the work that lies ahead. Come be a part of it. Volunteer today as the MASFAA association needs your knowledge, creativity, insights and passions to help us make a difference for our students, organizations and peers throughout our nine state region.

MAFAA 2017-18 Calendar of Events

2017

Sept 27-28	MN National College Fair
October 8-11	MASFAA (Midwest) Conference
October 24	Fall Training Day
October 25	Student Employment Workshop
October 28	Leadership Symposium Fall Day
Nov 28-Dec 1	FSA (Federal Student Aid) Conference

2018

February 6	Financial Aid 101 Training
March 6	Financial Aid 201 Training
May 2-4	Spring Conference

Minneapolis Convention Center
Dayton OH
Eagan Community Center
Argosy University, Eagan
Second Harvest Heartland &
Rasmussen College, Brklyn Park
Orlando FL

Anoka Ramsey-tentative
Bethel University
Madden's Resort, Brainerd

MAFAA is Celebrating 50 Years

By Lindsay Adams and Jacquelynn Mol Sletten, 50th Anniversary Task Force Co-Chairs

As you may know, MAFAA's 50th Anniversary Task Force has been working on several projects to highlight and celebrate the 50th Anniversary. At the Fall Training Day on October 24th at the Eagan Community Center, the Task Force plans to display some of the artifacts that have already been collected. If you have MAFAA memorabilia that you would like to add to the time capsule or just to display for that day, please bring it with you to the Fall Training day. There will also be a photo booth at the Fall Training day, so make sure you stop by — either with your colleagues, or not! — to take some fun photos for us to display at the big 50th celebration next May.



The contest for a new MAFAA logo is underway! If you can, please get the word out to your campuses and to those students in a Design class or major. We have not received as many concepts to consider as we had hoped, so there's still a great opportunity to spread the word. We hope to receive several more by the time the contest closes at the end of October.

Plans for the Spring Conference at Madden's in Brainerd, MN are underway. If you have contact information for any MAFAA Past Presidents, please send that information to MAFAA President [Gayle Yamry](#). The Task Force is planning a fabulous President's Reunion as just one of events to commemorate the 50th Anniversary.

Stay tuned for more updates from the MAFAA 50th Anniversary Task Force.

Executive Council 2017-18



MAFAA's 2017-18 Executive Council met July 20-21 at Madden's Resort in Brainerd for the annual planning retreat. Elected Officers, Sector Representatives, Committee Chairs, and Appointed Positions were in attendance to share ideas and plan for the future of MAFAA in 2017-18. Thank you all for your volunteer service!

Front group: Valana Hillard, Sole Kern, Bridget Johnson, Lindsay Adams, Borr Vang, Barb Charboneau, Amanda Cantu, Diane Borchardt, Katie Hendrickson, Lois Larson, Jesús Hernández Mejía, Ben Flikeid, Gary Forst, Anne Dahlen, Mike Kotchevar,
Back group: Dick Battig, Jacquelynn Mol Sletten, Jana Koehler, Cathy Schuster, Thomas Lorendo, Carol Swenson, Sandy Goman, Gayle Yamry, Andy Levesque, David Vikander



Welcome MAFAA Members

Jana Koehler, Membership Coordinator

Welcome to the latest New and Returning MAFAA members for 2017-18!

Two Year Public:

Katie Heronimus – Minnesota State Community and Technical College, Worthington

Jan Lanning – Century College

Natasha Dyer – Century College

Private For-Profit:

Sue Jensen – Rasmussen College

Susan Charter – Rasmussen College

Vue Her – Rasmussen College

Rebecca Walz – Rasmussen College

Melanie Kemp – Rasmussen College

Choua Vang – Rasmussen College

Katie Jensen – Rasmussen College

Erika Parsinen – Rasmussen College

Ryan Hill – Rasmussen College

Jeffrey Bishop – Minnesota School of Cosmetology

Jennifer Schneider – Capella University

Amber Wallace – Capella University

Maren Zirbel – Capella University

Andrew Escobedo – Capella University

Lizzy Reich – Capella University

Melissa Aune – Rasmussen College

Pada Vang – Rasmussen College

Patchia Vang – Rasmussen College

Benjamin Pooladian – Rasmussen College

Travis Kuntz – Rasmussen College

Wakunuma Nanuma – Rasmussen College

Private Non-Profit:

Mai Chong Vang – Augsburg College

Associate:

Wynde Walker – Reliamax

Welcome Back:

LuGail Hamel – University of Minnesota, Twin Cities

Sarah Saude – Minnesota State University Moorhead

Abbey Arredondo – Rasmussen College

Bryan Schmitz – Rasmussen College

Elizabeth Reimers – Rasmussen College

Eric Langness – Rasmussen College

Brynn Juranek – Rasmussen College

Rob Graham – Rasmussen College

Derek Bauer – Rasmussen College

John Wiberg – Rasmussen College

Pauline Feldhake – Rasmussen College

Kim Garske – Rasmussen College

Serena Williams – Rasmussen College

Christopher Tobias – Rasmussen College

Brenda Smith – Anoka Ramsey Community College

Glenn Chance – College Ave Student Loans

Zachary Lifo – Broadview Education Consortium

Josh Schmitt – Capella University

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MAFAA's Statement of Purpose

The Minnesota Association of Financial Aid Administrators (MAFAA) is an association of professionals committed to the principle that no one should be denied access to higher education for financial reasons. MAFAA is dedicated to working with students, educators, policy makers, and others to ensure that adequate programs of financial assistance are available to every student attending a Minnesota institution of higher education.

www.mafaa.org

Living With Passion

Carol Swenson, MAFAA Matters Editor

CAMPUS NEWS

On July 31, **Melissa Dingmann** began her new duties as Director of Financial Aid at Minnesota State University Moorhead. She was formerly at U of M Crookston.

Jon Erickson is the new Financial Aid Director at Crown College. He was formerly at St. Scholastica in Duluth.



BABIES

Alyssa Gillette (Crown College) and her husband welcomed their first child, Ava Lynn, on August 30.

RETIREMENT

Bonnie Nygard (Minnesota State University Moorhead) retired on July 9th.

After decades of serving schools in the industry, **Ken Wallace** (Great Lakes) retired on August 1.



BIRTHDAYS

Happy Birthday to all MAFAA members celebrating birthdays in September and October.

September 1	Crystal Olson	October 1	Sharon Wieneke
	Bridget Bohn	October 3	Nicole Strowbridge
	Sarah Linehan	October 5	Tara Klaers
	William Butler	October 6	Jackie Olsson
September 3	Alee Fayngold		Leslie Rudrud
	Karen Lee	October 7	Afton Starr
September 4	Gina Altobelli		Brenda Lester
September 6	Elizabeth Fenske		Gina Jones
September 9	Josh Schmitt	October 8	Sarah Saude
September 11	Molly Revoir	October 9	Sarah Prom
September 19	Jody O'Connor		Cindy Groth
September 8	Diane Pike	October 10	James Heu
September 16	Carin Kruger	October 11	Emily Dowdle
September 17	Kate Swanberg		Shannon O'Brien
	Katie Bouts	October 12	Thomas Schmidt
September 18	Adam Johnson		Anne Dahlen
	Beth Fischer	October 13	Jon Erickson
September 21	Amy Kadrmas	October 15	Tony Palermo
September 22	Sumi Lehman		Michelle Ahrendt
September 23	Kris Parker	October 17	Erika Parsinen
	Elizabeth Reimers	October 18	Lynn Mens
September 25	Valerie Knopp		Karla Seymour
September 27	Karen Samstad	October 19	Meghan Flores
September 28	Tammy Vondrasek		Choua Vang
September 29	Tina Kukowski	October 20	Jen-Hoe Ng
September 20	Judy Bedford	October 22	Natalie Yaeger
	Alyssa Gillette		Jana Koehler
	Neil Leibundguth	October 23	Jodi Knott
		October 24	Lizzy Reich
			Joni Wiederhoeft
			Tammy Eickholt Schroyer
		October 27	Michelle Boland
		October 29	Doug Minter
		October 31	Jay Comstock

Live With Passion