

MAFAA Spring Conference Agenda

Wednesday, May 3, 2006

10:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. **Registration**

11:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. **Vendor Displays Open**

11:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. **Lunch**

12:30 p.m. – 2:15 p.m. **President's Welcome**, John Pogue, MAFAA President
Dr. O.Raye Adkins, AHA Processes
A Framework for Understanding Poverty

2:15 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. **Vendor Displays Open**

2:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m. **Interest Sessions**

- **Welcome to MAFAA**, John Pogue, MAFAA President
Ever wonder what MAFAA is and how to get involved? This session will explain the various offices and committees of the association so that you can see how you can be involved in the association
- **A Framework for Understanding Poverty**, Dr. O. Raye Adkins
An extension of the Keynote.
- **Satisfactory Academic Progress**, Angela Smith, U.S. Department of Education
This will be an overview of the U.S. Department of Education's SAP regulations.
- **US Department of Veterans Affairs**, John Johnson, US Department of Veterans Affairs
This session gives an overview of VA benefits administered by the St. Louis Regional Processing Office, updated information on the new GI Bill Chapter 1607 for deployed soldiers and the VA's web based system for submitting enrollment information.
- **College Students and Credit Scoring**
Brian Heinneman, Concordia University and Kim Gartner, Responsible Credit Partnership
Learn how the "What's my Score" program can show your students the importance of credit scores and teach them how to manage their own credit and credit scores wisely.

3:30 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. **Break**
Late Registration

4:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. **Sector Meetings**

- Associates
- Private non-profit
- U of M
- State Universities
- Two year public
- Private for profit

5:00 p.m. – 5:45 p.m. **First Time Madden's Attendees Event**

6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. **Dinner**

8:00 p.m. **Free Time Activiites**
Shot in The Dark – Wells Fargo and GLHEC
Bingo – Student Loan Xpress

Thursday, May 4, 2006

6:30 a.m. - 7:45 a.m. **Free Time Activities**
Fun Run/Walk – Bremer Bank

6:30 a.m. – 8:00 a.m. **Breakfast**

7:00 a.m.– 8:00 a.m. **Final Conference Registration**

8:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. **Vendor Displays Open**

8:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m. **Interest Sessions**

- **FFELP Update**, Ann Scott, GLHEC and Lynn Murphy, EAC
A review of pending changes to the FFELP Program.
- **Verification 101**, Beth Diekmann, Rochester Community and Technical College
Are you fairly new to Financial Aid and unsure about verification? This session can help with the general requirements of verification and tax information.
- **20 Things Every Financial Aid Office Needs to Know**, Mark Kantrowitz,
- **Life After Financial Aid – Skills Learned in Student Aid Administration That Led People Down Different Paths**, Panel discussion with Dale Thornton, Concordia College; Herald Johnson, Augsburg College; and Dan Nelson, Bethel University
This will be a roundtable discussion consisting of former financial aid directors in the State of Minnesota, who will share their experiences in student aid that enabled them to pursue career opportunities in various fields. After a brief presentation by each panelist, significant time will be allowed for a question and answer dialogue.
- **Program Participation Application**, Mark Holland, U.S. Department of Education

9:10 a.m.-10:10 a.m. **Featured Speaker**

Trends in Student Aid, College Pricing and the Value of a College Education,
Sandy Baum, College Board

Sandy Baum will provide information related to the historical trends pertaining to the increased costs of higher education, the trends of financial funding over the past decade and information about the value to the individual and society related to obtaining a college education.

10:10 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. **Break**

10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. **Interest Sessions**

- **Different Cultures and Financial Aid**, Ginny Dodds, MOHE
This session will address how various cultural or non-traditional living arrangements might affect responses on the financial aid application or eligibility for financial aid, such as undocumented students, unmarried or divorced parents who live together, immigrants supporting family members in other countries, prohibitions against paying interest, etc.
- **FERPA Does Not Stand for Free Eggs Rich in Protein and Acid**,
Brian Heinneman, Concordia University
A review of the Family Education Rights and Privacy Act law as understood by the presenter and then discussion on how to be compliant – when you can bend the rules and when you cannot. Nothing fancy, but all eggs should be left at home.
- **Drug Awareness**, Andy Galles, Narcotics Investigator, Crow Wing County Sheriff's Office
This session will give a general overview of drugs of abuse as they pertain to Minnesota. Attendees will have a better understanding of signs and symptoms of drug use and abuse.
- **Graduate/Professional PLUS**, Dave Dahlen, Mayo Clinic College of Medicine
The Deficit Reduction Act of 2005 extended the PLUS loan program to Graduate/Professional students. This session will explore the details of this program and evaluate whether Grad PLUS or alternative loan options may be best for students.
- **Masters in Leadership**,
Herald Johnson, Augsburg College and Sandy Goman, College of St. Scholastica
Follow-up discussion related to the spring Masters Leadership workshop. Topics to be discussed will include financial planning, the Minnesota College Savings Plan, and 529 plans.

11:30 a.m. - 12:45 p.m. **Lunch**

1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m. **Vendor Displays Open**

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- **What the Future Holds**, Clark Wold, EAC; Dick George, GLHEC; Russ Kruse, US Bank
- **NSLDS**, Angela Smith, U.S. Department of Education
This will be an overview of NSLDS, including many new features.
- **Race Based Scholarships**, Carl Lehmann, Esq., Gray, Plant, Moody Law Firm
Discussion of legalities of race based scholarships.
- **MN National Guard Education Benefits and Procedures**,
LT Christopher Kline; Don Pfeffer, Central Lakes College
This session will explain the details of National Guard education benefits and procedures and the Virtual Armory Resource. There will also be a discussion about the workings of a Veterans Resource Center.
- **Methamphetamine: The Facts**, Beverly Nelsen, RN,BSN, Lakewood Health Systems
This session will focus on the basic facts about methamphetamine and how the use of it in our communities affects everyone.

2:15 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. **Free Time Activities**

Golf Scramble – US Bank
Fishing – Wells Fargo
Stamping – EAC
Pontoon Rides – NelNet

6:00 p.m. – 6:45 p.m. **Social Hour** (Cash Bar Available)

6:45 p.m. – 8:15 p.m. **Banquet and Awards**

8:15 p.m. – 9:45 p.m. **Evening Entertainment** – Scott Novotny, Comedian

Friday, May 6, 2006

7:00 a.m. - 8:45 a.m. **Breakfast**

9:00 a.m. - Close

Updates:

- **State Update**, Cheryl Maplethorpe, MOHE
- **Federal Update**, Angela Smith, U.S. Dept of Education

Business Meeting

Fundraiser Raffle Drawing and Presentation

Vendor Drawings – one prize per person please