



NORTH DAKOTA ASSOCIATION OF STUDENT FINANCIAL AID ADMINISTRATORS

## AGENDA

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### COUNSELOR WORKSHOP

**November 3, 2022**

**9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.**

Location: ONLINE – VIA ZOOM

<b>9:00 am – 9:05 am</b>	<b>Welcome and Announcements</b> Tammie Reger
<b>9:05 am – 9:25 am</b>	<b>Resources to Help Your Student Achieve More!</b> Rachel LaForce, Bank of North Dakota
<b>9:30 am – 10:15 am</b>	<b>FAFSA Simplification</b> Catherine Mueller, Executive Director, Mapping Your Future
<b>10:20 am – 11:05 am</b>	<b>Updates to the Academic, CTE &amp; the North Dakota Scholarships</b> Jim Upgren, ND Department of Public Instruction
<b>11:05 am – 11:15 am -</b>	<b>BREAK</b>
<b>11:15 am – 11:55 am</b>	<b>Training the Trainer</b> – What you should know to serve your students. Karrie Huber, University of Mary
<b>11:55 am – 12:00 pm</b>	<b>Wrap Up / Resources / Evaluations</b> Tammie Reger / Karrie Huber

***Thank you for attending today's workshop!***

**Your responses are important and help us to improve future workshops!**  
**After the close of this workshop, please select the link below and let us know how we did!**

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## Presenters for 2022

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### **Rachel LaForce – University & Student Development Coordinator, Bank of North Dakota:**

Rachel LaForce is a University and Student Development Coordinator with Bank of North Dakota. Originally from central MN, she attended college at Minnesota State University Moorhead where she studied communications. It was there that she discovered her passion for helping students and higher education through several student leadership positions on MSUM's campus. After graduation, she crossed the river to work in the Office of Admission at NDSU where she continued to guide students as an admission counselor. She joined the education outreach team at BND in December 2021 and enjoys being able to provide education resources at a statewide level.

### **Catherine Mueller, Executive Director, Mapping Your Future:**

Catherine is the Executive Director of [Mapping Your Future](#), which provides college, career, financial aid, and financial literacy services. She previously worked in higher education, communications, journalism, and public relations and has a bachelor's degree in communication from the University of Delaware and a master's in digital communications from the University of North Texas.

### **Jim Upgren, North Dakota Department of Public Instruction:**

Jim Upgren serves as the Assistant Director in the Office of School Approval and Opportunity with the North Dakota Department of Public Instruction (NDDPI). In that position, he is responsible for certification of school counselors, approval of courses and course codes, and administers the Academic/CTE/North Dakota Scholarship program, which provides merit-based scholarships for high school students entering college. Jim is also responsible for leading the legislative work for NDDPI, as well as administering the administrative rules process for the department. Prior to working for NDDPI, he served as a high school principal for seven years and a classroom teacher for ten years. Jim has a Bachelor's degree in Social Science Education from Minot State University, and a Master's degree in Educational Leadership from North Dakota State University. Jim lives in Bismarck with his wife Jennifer and their sons Rishton (5) and Odin (4).

### **Karrie Huber, Director of Student Financial Services, University of Mary:**

Karrie is the Director of Student Financial Services at the University of Mary. After completing her bachelor's degree at North Dakota State University, she discovered the joy of working in higher education and has not left college since. She has held various admissions leadership positions for both Rasmussen College and the University of Mary before seeing the light and transitioning to financial aid.

Karrie spends her working hours focusing on compliance, office leadership and administration, taking in a meeting (or four), and developing better ways to say, "it depends." She is known for being aggressively friendly and often soothes her frazzled nerves with handfuls of Reese's Pieces. She is active in both her state and regional financial aid associations.