PRESENTATION INFORMATION

March 29, 2023

Presentation: NDUS Pre-Conference Session: Excel Power Query – Hands
Time: 10:00 – 12:00 AM
Presenter(s): Crystal Tangsrud & Sherry Bisek, FA Business Analysts, CTS
Description: We will dive into Excel Power Query for Financial Aid Data, hands on. Power Query is a feature within the current version of Microsoft Excel so no need to purchase any additional software or licenses. Interested in trying it for yourself? Join us!

We will also spend a portion of our time Catching Up with Campus Connection, and give a brief rundown of what we have been up to since we last met.

Presentation: Welcome Message
Time: 1:00 – 1:30 PM
Presenter(s): Sheila Dolan, NDASFAA President, Assistant Director of Financial Aid
North Dakota State College of Science
Description: Monsignor Shea, President
University of Mary

Presentation: NASFAA Update/A Journey From Poverty...Helped By A Financial Aid Officer
Time: 1:30 – 2:30 PM
Presenter(s): Brad Barnett, Associate Vice President for Access and Enrollment Management, Financial Aid Director, NASFAA National Chair, James Madison University
Description: Many of us experienced challenging situations when we were younger, and Brad is no different. How do you allow those experiences to shape you? Did you take anything from them to improve your life today, or are you stuck...repeating the problems of the past? Brad will share a bit about his story, including how a financial aid officer provided him the ability to get a college education that opened doors to a new life. Through the story, you will have the opportunity to reflect on your own experiences as you look towards securing the type of life you desire, and contemplate the impact you can have on others as a financial aid administrator. This culminates with learning more about the resources NASFAA provides to help you be the best financial aid officer you can be.

Presentation: SAP vs. Workshops
Time: 2:45 – 3:30 PM
Presenter(s): Christopher Simpson, Senior Director of Financial Aid
Bellevue University

Description: Bellevue University has decided to consider workshops as a wraparound retention strategy for students at risk. In this session we'll share the driving process behind the scenes of these workshops and their results.

Presentation: Philanthropy Project: Heaven’s Helper’s Soup Kitchen

Time: 3:30 - 3:45 PM

Presenter(s): Brenda Zastoupil, DEI Committee Co-Chair, Director of Financial Aid NDUS

Description: N/A

Presentation: How One School Estimated the Impact of the New FAFSA, and How You Can Too

Time: 3:45 – 4:45 PM

Presenter(s): Brad Barnett, Associate Vice President for Access and Enrollment Management Financial Aid Director, NASFAA National Chair, James Madison University

Description: The “go-live” date for significant changes to the Federal Methodology (FM) formula is rapidly approaching. When the 2024-25 FAFSA goes live the Student Aid Index (SAI) will replace the expected family contribution (EFC). Have you begun thinking about the impact the SAI will have on your packaging strategies, budgets, and other need-based aid programs? If not, it’s time. In this session you’ll see how James Madison University is using NASFAA’s SAI Modeling Tool to estimate the financial impact this change will have, and to make an informed request to the institution’s senior leadership for more funds to use for packaging in 2024-25.
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Presentation: FAFSA Simplification

Time: 8:15 – 9:15 AM

Presenter(s): Cathy Mueller, Executive Director
Mapping your Future

Description: FAFSA Simplification is the first major redesign of the FAFSA process in more than 40 years. While the redesign is aimed at making it much easier for students and families to apply for financial aid, it may not make everything great – at least in the beginning. This session addresses an overview of the 2024-25 FAFSA Simplification changes and the possible implications for financial aid offices as well as for students and families.

Presentation: State Grant Awarding/NDUS Update

Time: 9:15 – 9:45 AM

Presenter(s): Brenda Zastoupil, Director of Financial Aid
NDUS

Description: Update on state grant awarding.

Presentation: RMASFAA Update

Time: 9:45 – 10:15 AM

Presenter(s): Lindsey Benson, Assistant Director of Financial Aid
Minot State University

Description: N/A

Presentation: When Your “Business” Impacts Your “Business” (A Mental Health Discussion)

Time: 10:30 – 11:30 AM

Presenter(s): Lou Murray, Sr. Account Executive, Earnest Student Loans

Description: A mental health awareness discussion, as we look into how stress, personal and professional issues, depression, anxiety and perspectives within us impact others, our productivity and our drive. We will review data regarding these issues at the workplace, how the topic impacts campuses and the country financially, ponder correlations happening at home, hear testimony regarding one's battle with depression and offer suggestions on how to relight our spark and passions that make us successful.
Presentation: Corporate Support Update

Time: 11:30 – 11:45 AM

Presenter(s): Kelvin Hullet, Chief Business Development Officer
Bank of North Dakota

Description: N/A

Presentation: Student Panel Discussion – Issues Facing College Students

Time: 1:15 – 2:45 PM

Moderator(s): TBD

Student(s): Christopher Scott, President
North Dakota Student Association

Dominic Regli, Student Body President
University of Mary

Presentation: Things will be great (well, maybe) when you go ChatGPT

Time: 3:00 – 3:45 PM

Presenter(s): Cathy Mueller, Executive Director
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Description: Could Artificial Intelligence (AI) be the key to carefree financial aid administration or just present more hard-to-forget troubles in our already over-burdened work lives? With the development of “ChatGPT” and “Bard,” many are wondering what is means for the classroom in higher education. But it could also impact administration, including financial aid. This interactive session will include an introduction to ChatGPT and Bard and include a discussion on some of the impact of AI -- how it might be used and what you might want to consider before using this new technology.

Presentation: Proposed: Birds of a Feather

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