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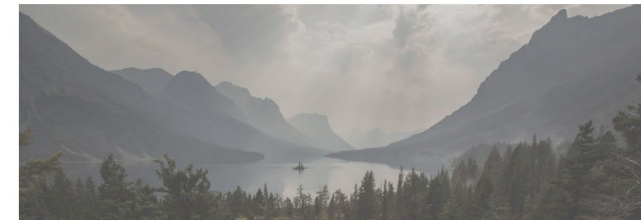
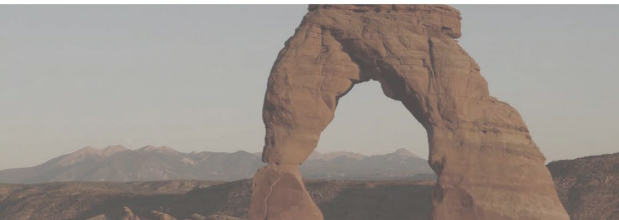
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RMASFAA Update

2024 NDASFAA Conference

Kelli Engelhardt, RMASFAA President



Agenda

- About RMASFAA | History, Mission, Strategic Priorities
- Benefits of RMASFAA Membership
- Upcoming Training and Leadership Events
- Annual Fall Conference
- How to Stay Connected
- State Conference Swap
- Volunteer Opportunities
- Run for Office



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RMASFAA History

1968

Laramie, WY
CO-ID-MO-UT-WY

1973

Idaho leaves
ND & SD join

1980

Nebraska
joins

1981

Kansas
joins

1982

Articles of
Incorporation

1983

501(c)3
status

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RMASFAA Land Acknowledgement

RMASFAA recognizes the Native American ancestral lands that exist within the states of our association. As an association, we commit to ensuring the membership recognizes the original stewards of the land we work and live on, as well as support and advance Native American students and administrators in Higher Education.

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North Dakota Lands

- Sisseton-Wahpeton Oyate of the Lake Traverse Reservation (ND and SD)
- Spirit Lake Tribe
- Standing Rock Sioux Tribe (ND and SD)
- Three Affiliated Tribes of the Fort Berthold Reservation (MHS Nation)
- Turtle Mountain Band of the Chippewa Indian of North Dakota

About RMASFAA

- **Mission:** Promote professional preparation, leadership development, effectiveness, and mutual support of financial aid administrators
- Your representation on NASFAA Board of Directors
- Professional support and forum for state associations and members
- Accomplished through five strategic priorities



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Strategic Priorities



1. Training
2. Communications
3. Leadership
4. Professional Collaboration
5. Organizational and Fiscal Responsibility

- RMASFAA website (videos)
- Summer Institute Training
- Annual Conference
- Certified Financial Aid Administrator[®] Exam Prep



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Strategic Priorities



1. Training
- 2. Communications**
3. Leadership
4. Professional Collaboration
5. Organizational and Fiscal Responsibility

- The Exchange Blog
rmasfaa.wordpress.com
- Instagram
[instagram.com/rmasfaa](https://www.instagram.com/rmasfaa)
- Employment Listings
- Listserv



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Strategic Priorities



1. Training
2. Communications
- 3. Leadership**
4. Professional Collaboration
5. Organizational and Fiscal Responsibility

- Leadership Pipeline
- Volunteer Opportunities
 - Committees
 - Board positions
- Networking



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Strategic Priorities



1. Training
2. Communications
3. Leadership
- 4. Professional Collaboration**
5. Organizational and Fiscal Responsibility

- NASFAA involvement and representation
- State delegates
- Associate delegate



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Strategic Priorities



1. Training
2. Communications
3. Leadership
4. Professional Collaboration
5. **Organizational and Fiscal Responsibility**

- Continuous review of By-Laws and Policies and Procedures
- Board Transparency
- Sustainable Budget
 - Dues, fees vs. costs



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Benefits of RMASFAA Membership

- Deepens your understanding of financial aid and best practices
- Expands your professional network across the region and peer schools
- Contributes to your institution's expertise and working knowledge
- Helps you develop leadership skills and gain valuable mentorship
- Enhances your ability to influence change in student aid policy

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2024 RMASFAA Summer Institute



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2024 RMASFAA Summer Institute

- The premier nationally recognized financial aid training program
- Comprehensive, week-long, immersive event
 - Learn about regulations, best practices, emerging trends, etc.
- Small classes led by two experienced faculty
- Engaging co-curricular activities and networking

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2024 RMASFAA Summer Institute

- June 2-6, 2024, in Wichita, Kansas at Wichita State University
- Register online at rmasfaa.org under Trainings & Events
- Member rate of \$800 includes meals, housing, and training
- Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Scholarship available
 - Covers registration fee plus a travel stipend | **April 15 deadline**

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Leadership Pipeline

- Exceptional professional growth and development opportunity
- Previously recognized by NASFAA with a Regional Training Award
- Participants are paired with a mentor and join a cohort, devoting a year to engaging in leadership trainings, discussions, and exercises

Mentors



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Leadership Pipeline

- Application opens soon and we're always looking for mentors!
- Kicks off at annual fall conference and graduation the next year
- Scholarships available to cover registration and travel costs

Mentees



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Annual Fall Conference



- October 20-23, 2024, in Rapid City, South Dakota | **Mount Rushmore**
- Registration and more information will be live in May | stay tuned!
 - \$375 conference registration
- Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Scholarship available | stay tuned!

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How To Stay Connected



- RMASFAA Exchange Blog: rmasfaa.wordpress.com
 - Always looking for great blog posts and ideas!
- Connect with us socially through our Instagram account
- Share employment listings through the website
- Explore the membership directory and connect with colleagues
- Utilize the listserv and daily digest so you never miss a post

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NEW! How To Stay Connected



- With NASFAA Communities via Slack!
- RMASFAA Region has its own channel
- Messaging app on desktop or mobile
- Stay up-to-date with notifications and chat with colleagues across the region

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State Swap

- **New!** Launched in 2023
 - Enhances cross-state collaboration
 - Each state chooses their participant
 - Connect and share!
- Kimberly Scow (NE) → Montana
 - Lauren Andalora (UT) → Wyoming
 - Crystal Morris (MT) → South Dakota
 - Nathan Buche (KS) → Nebraska
 - Matthew Sanchez (ND) → Colorado
 - Tracey Buisker (SD) → Utah
 - Shelby Garner (WY) → Kansas
 - Tori Pacheco (CO) → North Dakota

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NASFAA Certified Financial Aid Administrator®

- Nationally accredited certification program
- Awards the FAAC® designation
- Increased opportunity for career growth, validation of competencies, and national recognition
- CFAA Program fees with NASFAA:
 - Application: \$50 (waived through June 2024)
 - Exam Prep Guide: \$75
 - Exam: \$375



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RMASFAA Sponsored CFAA® Preparation

- We can help you get certified at a RMASFAA event!
- Limited capacity of 25 participants per event
- Full-day preparation course (and will include lunch)
- Look for RMASFAA events in your state or alongside other RMASFAA meetings soon! **Locations/Dates TBD**
- RMASFAA offers an excellent value of **only \$150**, which includes the exam fee!
 - **Savings of over \$350!**



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Volunteer Opportunities



- Association News
- Conference Planning
- Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion
- Electronic Initiatives
- Leadership Pipeline (Mentor)
- Membership
- Summer Institute
- Training



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Committee Volunteer Form: Current Chairs

- Association News, Chaired by **Crystal Tangsrud**
- Conference Planning, Chaired by **Micah Hansen** and **Carin Carstens**
- Diversity, Equity, & Inclusion, Chaired by **Sham Tzegai**
- Electronic Initiatives, Chaired by **Robb Cummings**
- Membership, Chaired by **Jordan Eisenmenger**
- Summer Institute, Chaired by **Dori Roth**
- Training, Chaired by **Brittany LaMoreaux**



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Thank you, ND Volunteers!

- Kelsey Walters - Conference Planning
- Judy Hager - Leadership Pipeline Chair, SI Vice-Chair
- Crystal Tangsrud - Leadership Pipeline Mentor, SI Faculty
- Matthew Sanchez – ND State Board Representative

Thank
You

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Nominations



- Nominate your colleagues for leadership opportunities
- Consider running for office or self-nominating!
- Now accepting nominations online through **Friday, April 26**

- President-Elect
- Vice-President Elect
- Treasurer-Elect
- Secretary
- Associate Member Delegate



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2023-24 Board of Directors



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Thank you to our Associate Members!



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