

# IASFAA - Lions & Tigers & SAI oh my!

Wednesday, April 17, 2024

Presenter

Description

9:30 am - 11:15 am

Registration

9:30 am - 11:15 am

Exhibitor Setup

11:15 am - 12:15 pm

**Interest Sessions**

Newcomer Session - Welcome to IASFAA

TBD

Do you ever feel like simply clicking your heels three times and being transported to a fantasy land? Newcomers to the financial aid profession should attend this session and find direction and support along the often confusing financial aid yellow brick road.

Paving the Yellow Brick Road: Demystifying the Cost of Attendance

Amanda Fijal, University of Chicago, Ron Herrell, Purdue University Fort Wayne, and Jerry McKeen, DMACC

Panelists from different schools will share how they determine and adjust their institution's Cost of Attendance. They will also discuss data collection in formulating COA, the person responsible for determining COA, as well as institutional policies regarding it. The session will end with an audience Q & A.

The Happiness Approach: Reframing Challenges into Opportunities

Dr. Chrystal Stanley, Drake University

For many, work is a requirement until we discover the opportunity that allows us to follow our passion. We've all read advice on how to work more efficiently in the office and the value of taking on challenges. Ultimately, our happiness is just as important as the documents we draft and the emails we send. So, how do we effectively walk the line between being professionally productive and personally happy? How does this impact our career? This session will explore how to use an appreciative approach to view the challenges in our work as opportunities. You will leave with a process for solving problems based upon positive psychology. There's no place like home!

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12:30 pm - 1:00 pm	Buffet Lunch		
1:00 pm -2:00 pm	Introductions/Charity Intro & Speaker		
	President's Welcome		
	Introductions of special guests, exhibitors, newcomers		
2:15 pm -3:15 pm	<b>Interest Sessions</b>		
	Finding Their Own Emerald City	Dawn Martinez Oropeza with 3 AI Exito students	AI Exito students will share how they have followed their individual yellow brick roads to college attendance with help from real-life versions of the Tin Man, Scarecrow and the Cowardly Lion — aka AI Exito programs.
	Chopping through FAFSA issues, completion, and the IFAA	Erick Danielson, Liz Yaddof, Tristan Lynn	Don't get stuck like the Tin Man! Grab your oil can and axe and let's chop through the FAFSA. This session will walk through some FAFSA issues, completion resources, and the Iowa Financial Aid Application changes for the 2024-2025 school year.
	Public Service Loan Forgiveness	Randi Boelkes, College Savings Iowa	TBD
3:15 pm - 3:45 pm	Exhibitor Break		
3:45 pm - 5:00 pm	<b>General Session - 2024-2025 Q&amp;A</b>	Amanda Fijal, University of Chicago, Ron Herrel, Purdue University Fort Wayne, Randy Mashek, Northeast Iowa Community College	Do you have questions about 24-25? (Seriously, we know you do.) Bring them to this session where a panel will talk through common questions around FAFSA simplification. This session will also welcome others outside the panel to share their experiences and any best practices that are emerging as we move through the journey that is the 24-25 FAFSA.
5:00 pm - 6:00 pm	Break		
6:00pm - 7:00 pm	Dinner and Awards		
7:00 pm - 8:30 pm	Trivia		

Thursday, April 18, 2024		Presenter	Description
7:30 am - 8:30 am	Registration		
7:30 am - 8:30 am	Breakfast		
8:30 am - 9:30 am	<b>General Session - DEI</b>	Kara Blanchard, Drake University	TBD
9:30 am - 10:30 am	<b>IASFAA Business Meeting</b>	Executive Council	
10:30 am - 11:00 am	Exhibitor Break		
11:00 am - 12:00 pm	<b>Interest Sessions</b>		
	Behind the Curtain: SAI Handcalc and Pell Overview	Kelsey Ryder, University of Iowa	The Wizard of Oz wasn't so scary once Toto pulled the curtain back! Do the same by attending this session to learn how the SAI is calculated and get an overview of Pell grants in 24-25. Bring your phone calculators, pencils provided!
	If I Only Had a Financial Literacy Program	Clare Andresen, Tatiana Ochoa, Jeffrey Baker	Personal finance skills are important for everyone to possess, especially students who are receiving financial aid. Presenters from Iowa State University, the University of Iowa, and Hawkeye Community College will share their financial literacy programming, outreach, and other initiatives. Learn how you can financially empower your students with their own ruby slippers.
	College Cost Transparency Initiative	Chad Olson, Iowa State University and Megan Walter, NASFAA (Virtually)	The College Cost Transparency Initiative was developed to improve the clarity, transparency, and understanding of student financial aid offers. Institutions have the option to sign on as a partner to the CCT, and adhere to the common set of principles and standards. Megan Walter, NASFAA policy analyst, will share the development of the CCT guidance, while Chad Olson, Iowa State University, will discuss why their institution decide to sign on as a partner.

Thursday, April 18, 2024		Presenter	Description
12:00 pm - 1:00 pm	Lunch		
1:00-1:15 pm	Break		
1:15 pm - 2:15 pm	<b>General Session: Fostering Communication Between Academics and Financial Aid</b>	Dr. Matthew Reed, Harkin Institute	Improving communication and understanding between the academic and financial aid sides of a college is crucial for providing students with the best possible support and ensuring their success. By implementing some strategies, colleges can foster a culture of collaboration and mutual understanding between the academic and financial aid sides, ultimately leading to improved support for students and better outcomes for the institution as a whole.
2:15 pm - 2:45 pm	Exhibitor Break		
2:45 pm - 3:45 pm	<b>Interest Sessions</b>		
	529 Plans	Iowa Treasurer's Office and Randi Boelkes, College Savings Iowa	TBD
	Verification Review for Newcomers	Rena Armentrout, Coe College and Courteney Kuehl, Iowa State University	Welcome to the Emerald City ... otherwise known as Verification, Comment Codes, and Student Eligibility. New to the verification process? Then this session is for you with a walk down the Yellow Brick Road toward verification selection, document review, resolving comment codes, and determining student eligibility. Get rid of those flying monkeys with a review of changes in verification for the 2024-2025 cycle. The wizard will also offer time for discussion and Q & A.
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2:45 pm - 3:45 pm	<b>Interest Sessions (continued)</b>		
	Toto, I Have a Feeling We Aren't Students in Distress Anymore!	Taylor Beyal and Jess Graham, University of Iowa	As a financial aid professional, you probably hear from students who are often in distress. But what does it mean to be in distress? How do you work with students who are experiencing this? Join Toto and Dorothy down the Yellow Brick Road and learn about strategies and resources for working with students who are in distress. You will also hear from advisors about their personal experiences working with students.
3:45 pm - 4:00 pm	Break		
	<b>General Session: FAFSA Simplification: More than SAI</b>	Chad Olson, Iowa State University and Tracie Pavon, Simpson College	In the enchanting land of financial aid, where the FAFSA form and EFC once reigned supreme, a new era dawns with the FAFSA Simplification changes. But wait, there's more to this magical transformation than meets the eye! Tracie Pavon, Simpson College, and Chad Olson, Iowa State University, will lead you through an interactive discussion regarding other regulatory changes from the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2021. It's a whole new world for our profession, so click your heels and join us for this session that will help you navigate the changes!
4:00 pm - 5:00 pm			
5:00 pm - 5:30 pm	Drink and Snack pull		
5:30 pm - ???	Evening on your own		

Friday, April 19, 2024	Presenter	Description
8:30 am - 9:30 am	<b>General Session - Personal Strategic Plan</b>	Dr. Rachel Keck, Grand View University
9:30 am - 9:45 am	Break/hotel checkout	
9:45 am - 10:00 am	Brunch served	
10:00 am - 11:00 am	<b>General Session - Charity check presentation, State Update, MASFAA Update</b>	Todd Brown, Amanda Fijal, University of Chicago
11:00 am - noon	<b>General Session - Top FAFSA Simplification Questions (Virtual)</b>	Dana Kelly, NASFAA  The biggest changes to the FAFSA in history will be implemented in the 2024-25 application cycle - are you ready? Explore the upcoming changes to the FAFSA, including direct data sharing with the IRS and a streamlined Federal Methodology, and learn more about the latest updates on implementation and NASFAA's Student Aid Index Modeling Tool. Discover what questions your colleagues are asking as we all prepare for the 2024-25 award year.