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President's Update



Scott Cline
CASFAA President
Associate VP of Enrollment
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Welcome to the May CASFAA Newsletter. I cannot believe how much of 2016 has already gone by and that I am already halfway through my year as CASFAA President.

Secretary Position

I am honored to announce that Angelina Arzate from Palomar College has been voted by the Executive Council to fill the remaining term of Secretary for 2016. Angelina has served on the CASFAA EC in a number of capacities in the past, including VP of State Issues, CCC Segmental Representative, and Chair of the High School Relations Committee, as well as serving on a number of other committees.

Please join me in welcoming Angelina back to the EC and thank her for helping us fill this critical role for the remaining 2016 term.

Nominations for the 2017 Executive Council

It is hard to believe but it is almost that time of year for nominations for the executive council for 2017. Do you know someone who would be smart, talented, and likes to work hard? Might that person actually be you? The call for nominations will be going out shortly. It is a pleasure and an honor to serve CASFAA on the executive council. Take a look at the CASFAA policy and procedures manual for each of the job descriptions and feel free to reach out to me if you have questions.

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*(President's Message continued)***Proposed Changes to the CASFAA Bylaws**

This past November at the first 2016 EC meeting, I asked the Executive Council to review the CASFAA Bylaws for recommendations on changes to the Bylaws to reflect the current financial aid landscape and that will best serve the membership and our institutions. I asked Daniel Roddick to chair this task force and make recommendations for the consideration of the Executive Council. The Executive Council voted to put forth these changes to the full membership for consideration.

Two major areas the task force reviewed are: 1) how to handle situations where either the actions of an Executive Council member or their institution are called into question and affect the ability of CASFAA to function; and 2) needed flexibility in the location of the annual conference to still be able to meet the needs of our members while respecting the geographic diversity of California.

I would highly encourage you to read Daniel Roddick's summary on the final page of this month's newsletter. You will be hearing more about this in the coming weeks and months. In the meantime, please reach out to any member of the EC with your thoughts and ideas. I look forward to a robust conversation on both of these areas.

NASFAA Leadership Hill Visits

CASFAA members visited with seven different congressional offices, including education staff for the majority and minority leaders of the House and Senate Education Committees. During those meetings CASFAA members emphasized the importance of Pell Grant funding and advocated for simplifying aspects of the financial aid process.

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In particular, they addressed the desire for some changes during the reauthorization of the Higher Education Act and invited Congress to create legislation to "combine and align" the multiple rules dealing with limiting eligibility for federal aid.

Building Tomorrow at the 2016 Conference

The 2016 CASFAA Conference website will be live in a couple of weeks so you can view the conference agenda, register for your hotel room and register for the conference.

We are looking forward to seeing you in Anaheim!

*NASFAA's latest MVP
is our very own
Rachelle Feldman. Can
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DL	4.29%	3.76%
PLUS	6.84%	6.31%

Grad	2015-16	2016-17
DL	5.84%	5.31%
PLUS	6.84%	6.31%



Dewayne Barnes
Director of Financial Aid
California College of the Arts

Treasurer's Trove

Spring time for the CASFAA Treasurer consists of mostly the following:

- Continued payment processing and reimbursement for the Jim Briggs Workshops,
- Regular maintenance of the books and checking account, and
- Annual updates to various insurance policies to make sure you are safely covered while in attendance at CASFAA activities.

We have also started the fiscal year-end audit engagement, and will continue the review of financial documents through the remainder of the fiscal year.

Our largest training event for CASFAA is the fall Conference, and we are gearing up with a watchful eye on the overall budget both to provide the best value for your training dollars, and to ensure financial longevity for the Association. The conference budget solely depends on how many of our colleagues decide to attend, with attendance based on a strong program which we plan on providing to you as usual.

As you can see from our profit and loss chart from the last 30 days, we are beginning to see some financial gains in the checking account as the last year's bills have been paid, and revenue is being realized from the current training events. We will begin Conference planning and make suggestions on what to provide and where to cut back based on your attendance at the conference. Anaheim is one of our more highly attended Conference locations, likely because more of our schools are in the Southern California area. Regardless, it is an excellent venue to hold a conference.

We look forward to seeing you again in Anaheim, November 6-8 this fall.



Transitions!



Becki Sanchez, MPA

**Director - Financial Aid and Scholarships
University of California, Irvine**

No longer at California Baptist University, Becki is now Director of Financial Aid at UC Irvine! Becki's career includes previous work at other institutions, namely UCLA and Northwest University. Interesting fact about Becki is she's an Alaska native. On top of that, she's a proud mom of triplets who will be headed to college in about 6 years.



Sarah M. Lopez

**Director of Financial Aid
UC Berkeley, Haas School of Business**

Sarah Lopez is now the Director of Financial Aid at UC Berkeley's Haas School of Business effective February 2016. Sarah previously served as the Self Supporting Programs Coordinator in the Financial Aid & Scholarships office at UC Berkeley. She loves DIY projects and is set to get married in June!



Saúl Quiroz

**Director of Financial Aid
Santa Barbara Community College**

Saúl will be returning to Santa Barbara City College June 1st, where he spent 7 years as a financial aid advisor, to become their Director of Financial Aid. Most recently he served as Assistant Director for the Office of Financial Aid and Scholarships at UC Santa Barbara. Like many other financial aid professionals, he started his career as a federal work-study student and 2016 marks his 9th year in Financial Aid (not including his time as a student worker.)

**Maureen McRae Goldberg
Director of Financial Aid
Occidental College**

Maureen McRae Goldberg, Executive Director of financial aid at Occidental College and former CASFAA president from 1995 (among other roles) has left her position for a brief hiatus from financial aid after more than 30 years in the profession.



Jamal Collins

**Financial Aid Communications Liaison
University of California Office of the President**

After three academic years at UC Berkeley's School of Law as Associate Director of Financial Aid, Jamal Collins will be transitioning into a new role as the Financial Aid Outreach and Communications Liaison at the University of California Office of the President. When Jamal isn't administering aid or volunteering his time doing financial aid outreach, you may find him hiking, biking or running through the many trails and open spaces of California.



Robert Huff, founding member

Excerpt from Scott Cline's announcement sent via email March 14, 2016.

Robert Huff, one of the founding members of CASFAA, and someone who dedicated much of his life to serving students has passed away. Below, please read the history of CASFAA and Robert's retirement announcement to learn more about Robert's influence on our profession, our organization, and the countless students he helped.

CASFAA History

In September 1971, an Ad Hoc committee met at the Huntington Hotel in Pasadena to study the feasibility of organizing the California State Financial Aid Officers Association. Members of the committee were Robert Huff of Stanford University, Gene Miller of Pasadena City College, Frank Schnieder of the University of Santa Clara, and Donald Ryan of San Jose State University. The group recommended that an organizational meeting be called at the annual Western Association of Student Financial Aid Officers Conference to be held in San Diego in January, 1972.

On Saturday, January 8, 1972, the meeting was held in the Toledo Room of the Sheraton Inn, San Diego. During the session, Sumner Gambee of the California State Universities and Colleges agreed to serve as chairman of the nominating committee to recommend a slate of officers for the proposed association. Robert Huff of Stanford University agreed to chair a committee to develop the constitution.

The newly elected officers of the Association held their first organizational meeting at Stanford University on June 9, 1972. As a result of the initial call for affiliation, 177 financial aid administrators in the state of California became charter members of the Association. Committee chairs were chosen and it was agreed that the first annual conference of the full membership of the organization should be held in Monterey on November 19-21, 1972. Don Ryan of San Jose

State University was appointed to serve as the first conference chairman. A total of 170 members registered for the first annual conference that was held at the Monterey Holiday Inn. Since the initial conference was called a "retreat," rather than a formal meeting, an official business meeting was not held as part of the conference.

Stanford University

STANFORD (09/06/94) -- After 36 years as Stanford's first director of financial aids, Robert P. Huff, 68, has added "emeritus" to his title, effective Sept. 1.

Huff joined the staff in 1948, working in the office of the chief counselor for men. He was assistant dean of men from 1956 to 1958, when he was named financial aid director, and also served as a part-time lecturer for many years.

Long recognized as a national leader in his field, Huff over the years served as president of the National Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators, trustee of the College Board, and chair of the U.S. Commissioner of Education's panel of experts on the Federal Student Aid Funding Process.



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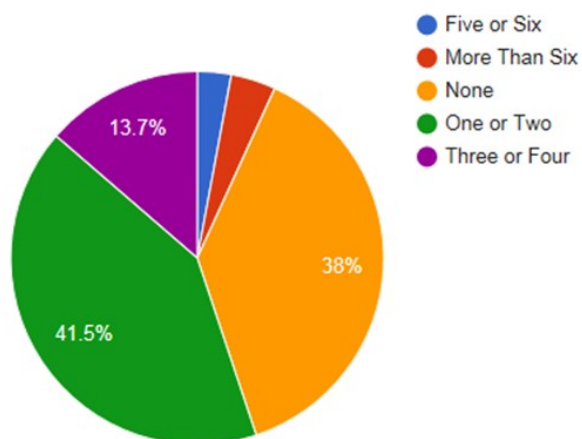
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Poll the Pros: How Many Open Positions Do You Currently Have in Your Office?

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State Issues Update



Dustin Smith
Assistant Director of Financial Aid
University of San Francisco

This year's Day at the Capitol (DATC) was a great success. In order to have maximum attendance from our Executive Council, we tied the March EC meeting to DATC. DATC took place on March 22nd and began at the Sacramento Hyatt with Christian Osmena, Principal Program Budget Analyst with the California Department of Finance. With Christian, we talked about budgetary topics that are important to our membership, particularly in relation to the California Student Aid Commission (CSAC).

We were fortunate to have the new Executive Director of CSAC, Lupita Cortez-Alcala, come and meet the EC, along with Catalina Mistler. We had a two-hour discussion with both Lupita and Catalina about our institutions' working relationship with CSAC, topics of importance to our membership, and the future of a strong relationship between CSAC and CASFAA. This meeting left the EC energized and hopeful about the direction that CSAC is headed. We look forward to working with CSAC and great new training opportunities for our membership at the CASFAA conference.

After these meetings, the EC took a short walk over to the capitol and met with staff members of both the Assembly and Senate education committees. Again, we discussed issues of great importance to our membership, but also answered some of their questions about what it's like in a financial aid office. There was great interest expressed in wanting to know what a school has to go through to administer the Cal Grant program (among other programs) and how these processes may be causing pain and stress to our students.

In all of our conversations during DATC, the EC was excited to see what seemed like a refreshed mindset when it comes to CSAC, member institutions, and our students. The new leadership at CSAC has been well received by the Assembly, Senate, and Department of Finance, who also seem to be excited about the future of CSAC. We certainly expressed our gratitude to all that we met with on DATC for allowing California to be a model for supporting our students and funding higher education!





John Benefield
Lead Financial Aid Technician
MiraCosta College

Community College Representative Update

Good day fellow CASFAA members; do you ever ponder when things will slow down for the community college financial aid offices? Well, it probably will not be anytime soon. This is not necessarily a bad thing as it means we are implementing and adapting to new legislation from multiple fronts to benefit our students while attempting to stay on top of our current workload.

This fall, community colleges will be responsible for implementing the loss of Board of Governor's Fee Waiver for students that do not meet academic and progress standards for two consecutive primary terms. There are some essential exceptions and colleges are required to look back four terms if continuous enrollment with no more than one semester gap has been maintained! I could write pages about this new legislation, and I am sure I would put you to sleep. The California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office has done an amazing job detailing the legislation as well as developing flowcharts that are easy to understand; you can find them [HERE](#). While speaking with community college financial aid colleagues around the state, the workload to implement this is significant for the institution. Luckily, there are some fantastic bills being considered that we are following that would benefit our students without adding additional workload burden.



When CASFAA had our Day at the Capitol, we met with Laura Metune, Chief Consultant for the California Assembly Higher Education Committee. I was pleased that a few of the assembly bills were advantageous for our community college students. One of the assembly bills was AB 1583, which would establish an income standard of no less than three times the federal poverty levels, essentially doubling the Board of Governor's Fee Waiver income standards. It would also resurrect the \$1 need threshold. The other bill in discussion was AB 2506, which if passed, would make the Chafee grant an entitlement starting in the 2017-2018 academic year. Ms. Metune sounded optimistic about both of these bills.

As your segment representative, I am always open to have dialogue about any financial aid issues you may want CASFAA to explore. We are a committed crew that value your input. Lastly, please notify me about any session suggestions you may have for the CASFAA annual conference.

Tips from the NASFAA PPY Task Force on Early FAFSA



Rachelle Feldman
Assistant Vice Chancellor
University of California, Berkeley

Advice on 2016-17 and 2017-18 FAFSA filing

With the implementation of earlier FAFSA availability for the 2017-18 year and the use of “prior prior”: year (PPY) income when completing the FAFSA. Starting with the 2017-18 FAFSA, student will be able to complete the application beginning October 1 using finalized 2015 year tax data. The following are general best practices that should be communicated to students.

Apply Early

Why apply early? The implications of using PPY income on the FAFSA are that the student should have to make fewer changes to their FAFSA data because the income they enter will be from completed tax forms. Most students will be able to use the IRS Data Retrieval Tool (IRS DRT) to import their and their parents 2015 tax data into the FAFSA.

Previously, there was an advantage to wait until later to file the FAFSA (depending on any school or state deadlines) because the IRS DRT became available later and student could file taxes and use the IRS DRT. With the use of PPY data from the year 2015, there is no reason to wait because the 2015 income is finalized.

The message to students would be to encourage early filing using the student’s best guess as to where they will apply. There is no downside to supplying FAFSA data to a college to which the student does not end up applying. There is, however, an advantage to having a completed FAFSA that can be sent later as the student applies to colleges. Early submission also allows the student and any schools listed more time to work through any application issues.

Adding Colleges

Realistically, with the earlier October 1 FAFSA availability, some students will not know where they will be applying to college. Since more students may be applying before they have applied to or even considered some colleges, they will need to know how to add schools to the FAFSA.

Very shortly after FAFSA completion, the student will receive an email providing instructions on how to view their Student Aid Report (SAR) and how to update the FAFSA including how to add additional schools. Viewing the SAR allows the student to obtain their Data Release Number (DRN) that can be used to call the FAFSA processor to add additional colleges.

Special Circumstances

In some instances, the 2015 income on the FAFSA used to determine financial aid program eligibility will no longer accurately represent the level of financial support the household will be able to provide for college. Students with special circumstances such as these have always be able to petition colleges to allow amendments to the financial data that is no longer accurate. With the use of older financial data (PPY) these appeals may increase.

Any students who feel their submitted financial data should be reviewed should contact the college financial aid office on how to submit an appeal for a review of their situation. The college will have a process that includes what supporting documentation the student should supply with their appeal. The appeal process will likely be posted on the college website. While this is no different from current practice, the expanded time frame may worry some families and more may consider requesting an appeal.

Suggestions for FAFSA filing 2016-2017 and 2017-18 academic years

	2016-17	2017-18	Advice
Submission period opens	January 1, 2016	October 1, 2016	
Early submission	FAFSAs completed before final 2015 tax returns are filed must be updated with actual tax entries after taxes are filed. Early submission allows more time to address any application issues.	Early submission is recommended since most 2015 tax returns will have been filed by October 1. Early submission allows more time to address any application issues.	Early Submission is advised to allow time to resolve any application issues and to have the FAFSA data completed and available if additional colleges are added. In addition, financial aid information may be available earlier to allow the student to make a wise choice of schools.
Use of IRS Data Retrieval Tool (IRS DRT)	Use of IRS DRT strongly recommended	Use of IRS DRT strongly recommended. Most students will be able to use the IRS DRT since 2015 taxes will have been completed.	Use the IRS DRT for any year a FAFSA is submitted if the family is able. This will greatly simplify the process and lower the chance of the school needing to follow up for more information from the family. Be sure the student and family know the address they listed on the tax return.
Adding colleges	Additional colleges can be added by updating the Student Aid Report (SAR) or by calling FAFSA processor using Data Retrieval Number (DRN).	Additional colleges can be added by updating the Student Aid Report (SAR) or by calling FAFSA processor using Data Retrieval Number (DRN). Earlier FAFSA completion means more students will not know all the colleges to which they will apply at time of FAFSA completion.	Add only colleges to which the student has actually or intends to apply.
Special Circumstances	Colleges can consider a student's special circumstances which affect the student's eligibility for financial aid.	Colleges can consider special circumstances which affect the student's eligibility for financial aid. More students may ask for consideration of their special circumstances due to the use of older (due to using PPY) financial information	Students should contact the college for their special circumstances process if the 2015 base year does not reflect their current circumstances. Be aware that many schools will only consider appeals after the student is admitted or close to when the academic period is starting.



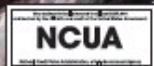
AICCU Position on Proposed CalGrant Restrictions

CASFAA itself will not take positions on legislation that will disadvantage any particular segment. However the Association of Independent California Colleges and Universities (AICCU) issued the following statement.

March 15—AICCU testified in the Assembly Higher Education Committee against **AB 1888 (Low)**, which would remove religious freedom protections from higher education institutions as a condition for their participation in the Cal Grant program. The bill penalizes California's neediest students by prohibiting them from using their state financial aid at the institution of their choice. Before the Committee hearing, the AICCU Executive Committee voted unanimously to oppose the bill and to work with stakeholders to find language that protects all students and respects institutions' mission. The bill passed out of the committee after a robust discussion among both Democrats and Republicans, and moved to the Assembly Appropriations Committee.

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CASFAA Conference

Be sure to save the date! [Registration for the 2016 CASFAA Conference](#) November 6-8, 2016 will be up in a couple of weeks. Yes, an email will go out once it's live. Be prepared for great breakouts, perfect timing, networking opportunities, business partners, and of course Disneyland, all available to you in Anaheim. This year's theme is...

"Building Tomorrow"

****Registration Update**** Early bird registration is available through September 30, 2016. The early bird rate is \$375. Afterwards, the registration price goes up to \$425.

Want to present at the conference? Great. Start thinking about it now. An email will go out to the membership in the coming weeks for session presenters, moderators, and volunteers.



Legislative Lair

A listing of legislation impacting student financial aid can be found on the [NSAFAA's Legislative Tracker](#). One bill introduced April 14, 2016 is called the Stop Taxing Death and Disability Act! It will change the law so that students and families who discharge loans due to death or permanent disability will not have the portion forgiven count as a taxable event. Senate Bill S.2800 received the support of NASFAA and NCHER as seen on the [website of Congressman Coons](#) who co-sponsored the bill. It is bipartisan piece of legislation introduced by a Republican, a Democrat, and an Independent. For any politician and struggling family this would be a feel-good in line with the President's announcement to pro-actively reach out to borrowers who are eligible for such a discharge.

Approximately 387,000 potential borrowers were identified by the government for total and permanent disability loan discharge and will be receiving letters prompting them to take advantage of this. Details on the President's initiative were highlighted in [Inside Higher Ed](#) the day before the new bill was proposed.

A tax on the approximate \$7.8 billion in loans would be useful for the IRS as they reconfigure their audit procedures for certain populations. Let's hope these borrowers don't file the paperwork until S.2800 passes!



Michelle Richardson
Account Executive
USA Funds

6 Student Success Concepts to Consider

It is important, as we go about the daily work of trying to make students better financial aid consumers, to think more holistically about the ways in which we can encourage their success. Here are some concepts to consider:

Retention is a default prevention strategy.

Most data indicates that borrowers who default didn't complete their programs of study. The best way to prevent default is to improve retention, and default prevention and retention teams need to work together.

Financial literacy is a retention tool.

Financial literacy is typically seen as the responsibility of the financial aid office as a default prevention tool. But it's a good idea to think of financial wellness education in the same way we think of orientation and first-year experience programs. We need to provide students with the information they need to manage their finances so that they can persist through their programs of study.

Take a “life of the student” approach to default prevention and retention efforts.

Consider incorporating these strategies into your default prevention and retention plans:

- Enhancing entrance and exit counseling.
- Incorporating multiple opportunities to talk to students about financial literacy.
- Encouraging students to proactively select an income-based repayment plan.
- Making sure you are communicating with borrowers during their grace period.
- Establishing peer mentoring as a way to provide information for students to be successful.

Successful default prevention efforts require institutional commitment.

Regardless of which committee or group is responsible for your institution's default prevention plan, make sure to include representatives from various departments, such as career services, alumni relations, registration, faculty and others. Also make sure that your default prevention plan is capturing activities being done by others outside of the financial aid office.

Get the data right.

With increased transparency in consumer tools like College Navigator and College Scorecard, it is important to make sure the data reported is correct. It is also a good idea to review your National Student Loan Data System (NSLDS) data submission process to ensure accurate and timely submissions.

It is important to be able to manage multiple cohorts effectively.

With the release of the 2013 draft cohort default rates, your only opportunity to affect that cohort is through the appeals process. You can proactively manage the 2014, 2015 and 2016 cohorts through borrower communication strategies.

Check out the Early FAFSA video from NASFAA: www.nasfaa.org/early_fafsa



CONFERENCE CORNER

NASFAA: July 10 – 13 in Washington, D. C.

CASFAA: November 6 – 8 in Anaheim, CA

FSA: November 29 – December 2 in Atlanta, GA



...See you in SoCal!



Daniel Roddick
Student Financial Support
UC Office of the President

Grad/Professional Issues & Updates

Dear GP Segment,

Our Graduate and Professional Issues Committee (GPIC) had our first meeting. A few of the ideas put forth for Graduate and Professional (GP) students have been addressed already or are seeing movement on their own.

Improved FSA websites for GP students a possibility

NASFAA put together a [Consumer Information & Law Student Indebtedness Task Force Report](#). The task force was heavily represented by members from the other side of the Rockies. However the committee included one member from the WASFAA region, Tracy Simmons, University of the Pacific, McGeorge School of Law. The taskforce recommended that the ED websites such as StudentAid.gov and StudentLoans.gov include an initial landing page for GP students to click “Graduate and Professional Students,” and see information relevant to their population. If implemented, there won’t be any teasing GP students about subsidized Direct Loans or prompts to complete a Parent PLUS Loan MPN. That’s a step in the right direction.



Citizenship and Eligible Non-citizen Docs no longer needed in- person

It came out rather quietly in my opinion, but last spring’s [DCL GEN-15-08](#) announced that schools no longer have to view original citizen or eligible noncitizen documents. Scanned or copied forms, delivered in person, by regular post, or via email are acceptable now. Please note in cases of eligible noncitizens the [DHS-USCIS G-845 Verification Form](#) must subsequently be completed, though the students could possibly follow up by showing original documents once they are on campus to avoid a confusing government form. All in all, great news!

Law Students discharge BAR Study Loans in bankruptcy

A N.Y. judge ruled in March that a Law graduate could discharge the Bar Study Loan due to bankruptcy without the burden of proof of extreme financial hardship that usually attaches to student loan-related debt. In the judges comments she aligned Bar Study Loans to other forms of commercial or consumer debt someone may discharge in bankruptcy. See the [NASFAA summary](#) for more information.



CASFAA GP Forum and Conference in Anaheim

A wonderful GP Forum agenda is shaping up for the conference including a GP-focused update from Vicki Shipley as well as segment-focused roundtables. We are ensuring conference sessions focused on the GP segment will be in place for you. Some ideas include COA Hot Topics, Financial Literacy Best Practices, and Unique Needs of International Students. If you’re interested in sharing ideas, moderating, or presenting, please feel free to reach out to me at daniel.roddick@ucop.edu.



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Cash for College Spotlight!

We're so pleased that California is recognized for the many contributions it makes to higher education. Highlighted here is a message from the White House.

White House Recognition Bright Spot in Hispanic Education

We are excited to announce that the White House Initiative on Education Excellence for Hispanics recognized L.A. Cash for College as a "Bright Spot in Hispanic Education." As a Bright Spot, L.A. Cash for College is acknowledged for addressing and investing in key education priorities for Hispanics and helping close the achievement gap - cradle to career.



For the past 14 years, the L.A. Cash for College Campaign has helped nearly 240,000 students and their families prepare for college and reach their aspirations. Since its inception, the Campaign has helped to improve the educational outcomes of Latino students in the region through integrated events and activities that aim to inform, assist, and reward students, so that finances are no longer a factor against going to college. Last year alone, L.A. Cash for College helped students leverage more than \$45 million in state and federal financial aid.

We are thrilled to receive this recognition and be a part of this great effort! The impact of the Campaign would not be possible without the support and contributions of our dedicated partners.

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Your Quarterly CASFAA Game Page

- 1) What is Negotiated Rulemaking (NegReg)?
 - A) Convincing students to sign their MPNs and complete Entrance Counseling.
 - B) Listening to Congress make up policy with no thought to implementation (close)
 - C) Process where affected interest groups negotiate the terms of a proposed administrative rule.
- 2) Justin Draeger is President of NASFAA. Dan Mann is the current Chair. Who is the Chair-Elect?
 - A) Lisa Blazer
 - B) Dan Mann
 - C) Jack Edwards
- 3) Which U.S. Senator from California is retiring?
 - A) Diane Feinstein
 - B) Barbara Boxer
 - C) Nancy Pelosi
- 4) Who are the current CA governor and Lt. Governor?
 - A) Jerry Brown and Gavin Newsom
 - B) Jerry Brown and Sunshine Garcia
 - C) Pat Brown and Gavin Newsom
- 5) Within the House of Representatives Committee on Education and the Workforce, which of the following members is chairwoman of the subcommittee on Higher Education & Workforce Training?
 - A) Virginia Foxx (North Carolina)
 - B) John Kline (Minnesota)
 - C) Mark DeSaulnier (California)
- 6) Which of the following committee members is Chairman of the Senate Committee on Health Education, Labor and Pensions (HELP Committee)?
 - A) Bernie Sanders (Vermont)
 - B) Lamar Alexander (Tennessee)
 - C) Rand Paul (Kentucky)



Happy Belated St. Patrick's Day!



...and a Happy Easter
Season from CASFAA!





Kim Thomas
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First Marblehead

I 040 Workshops

Greetings CASFAA! As he has done for over 20 years, Jim Briggs visited our great state to deliver 9 in-person workshops that garnered more than 375 financial aid professionals from schools of all segments. From interesting verification scenarios to tax retrieval tools to PPY, Jim does what he does best, make sense of it all. Thank you for your participation and always making these workshops so much fun.

I especially want to thank the school's who hosted our workshops this year - Sierra College, Cañada College, Golden Gate Univ, Pacifica Graduate Institute, California Lutheran Univ, Pepperdine Univ Graziado School of Business, Claremont Graduate Univ, Coast Community College District and La Sierra Univ. Without your continued support, these important trainings could not take place.

But wait, there's more! In case you missed the in-person workshops, on **May 25th & 26th, 2016 from 10:00am to 12:00pm, CASFAA is pleased to offer 2 webinars featuring our very own Jim Briggs.** Check the CASFAA website for more details! [*Click Here*](#)

If your school is interested in hosting next year, please reach out to me at kthomas@fmd.com Have a great processing summer!





Vision Statement



CASFAA will:

- Serve as a resource for all financial aid professionals in California;
- Provide members with opportunities to become actively involved in the activities of the Association;
- Prepare members to assume leadership roles in the student aid profession, the Association, and other financial aid associations;
- Serve as an authority in the State on student aid issues and be consulted regularly by Federal and State policy makers, the media, and other educational partners; and
- Be proactive with regard to positions on State and national financial aid policy issues, and in protecting the interests and rights of California students for educational access and choice.

• Adopted by the 2006 CASFAA Executive Council •

Back of the Envelope... CASFAA By Laws

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As part of the maintenance of the organization known as CASFAA, the Policies and Procedures Manual sometimes needs to be revisited for updates as roles and functions adapt to changing times. Towards that end, the following proposed changes have been approved by the Executive Council (EC) to be put for a vote by the membership this summer.

For those interested in the specific taxonomy, changes impact Section 2 of the Policies and Procedures Manual known as the Organizational Structure which includes the Articles of Incorporation, commonly referred to as the By Laws.

There are two significant changes to bring to the membership's attention. The first change is to allow CASFAA to have the annual conference up to two years in a row in northern or in southern California, versus switching every year. The second change is to hold an expectation of propriety when it comes to an EC member's conduct, or their institution's conduct, regarding implementation of financial aid.

Additionally there are a number of pro forma changes. This involves things such as re-ordering of Articles to be the correct sequence, adding options to communicate electronically and not just in writing (since this is the 21st century), and inclusion of a clear organization chart rather than referencing an alternate document which may not be readily available.

It is the hope that these changes will serve as a catalyst to the objectives of CASFAA, and incite renewed participation by the membership as well as the growth of the membership. Questions can be sent to me directly via email at any time regarding this summary.

