



Hello FASFAA Family!

Message from Your FASFAA President

Welcome to the final edition of the FASFAA newsletter for the 2020-2021 year! I hope that you, your family and loved ones are doing well.

It has been a pleasure serving you and working alongside you all this year! I wholeheartedly believe we have had a successful year in spite of what has been happening in the world.

Take a moment and review our new Long Range Strategic Plan which will help secure the Association's future for the next few years!

This newsletter is going to be a little lighter because we need a little fun after the last year and a half! Hopefully I will see you all in person at one of our events in 2021-22.

With Respect,
Dameion Lovett
FASFAA President 2020-2021



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MESSAGE FROM YOUR FASFAA VICE-PRESIDENT



RENEW your FASFAA 2021-2022 MEMBERSHIP

Take a moment and renew your membership for 2021-2022 so you can take advantage of the benefits of being a FASFAA member!

FASFAA Members,

Welcome to Summer FASFAA Members!

I hope you were able to participate in the offerings we had throughout the Fall and Spring. This Summer, the FASFAA Training Committee has three webinars for you to attend! You can learn more by visiting the [FASFAA website](#).

FASFAA Region Representatives and Webinar Coordinators have been busy planning away for its members. Here is a quick rundown of some upcoming events:

- * **June 15th: BBAY Grad & Short-Term Loans**
- * **June 18th: NASFAA Authorized Credential: Application Process**
- * **June 22nd: Empowering Differences**

As you can see, we have a lot to offer members and the Training Committee provides membership with a robust training schedule throughout the year. FASFAA would not be successful without our members. If you would like to volunteer, please click on this link to learn about all the areas you can assist [FASFAA as a volunteer](#).

Nadine Bailey, FASFAA VP of Training

The FASFAA Executive Board is pleased to
present the elected officers for next year's board!

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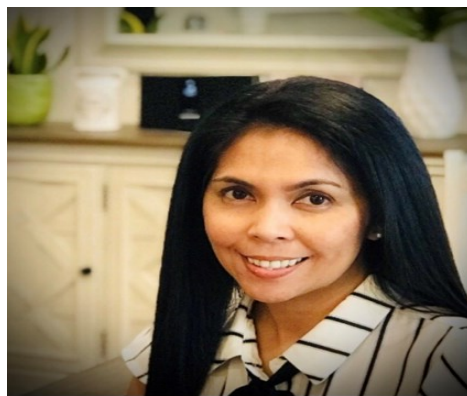
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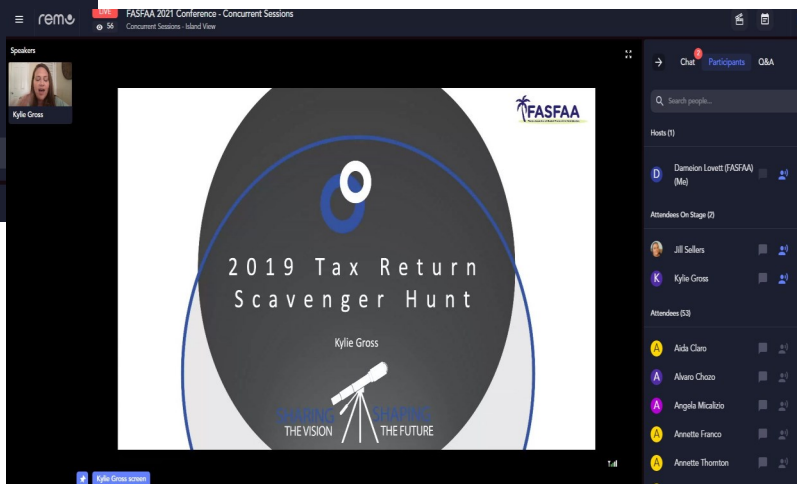
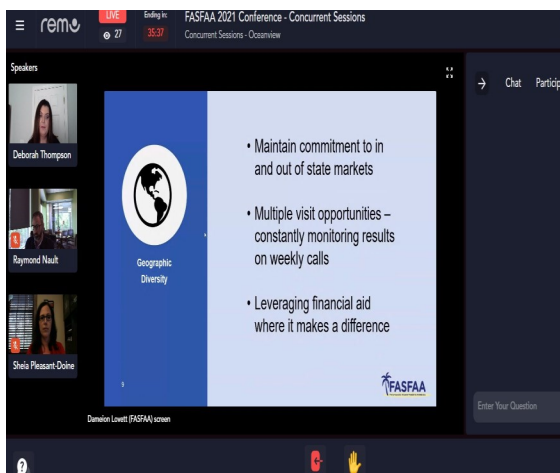
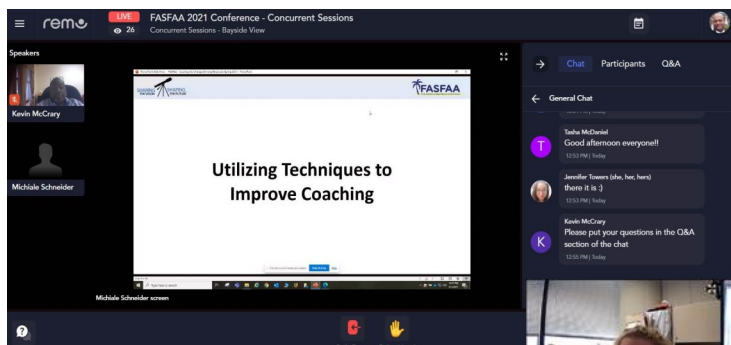
Region V Representative



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FASFAA Conference

Our 2021 conference was a success! We provided a jam packed agenda full of informative sessions to the 278 registered attendees. Thank you to all of those who presented, moderated and worked behind the scenes! We couldn't have done it without you! Below are a few images of the conference sessions...





25
YEARS



COMMUNITY
FOUNDATION
OF SOUTH LAKE

**FASFAA has done it
again; with your
help!**

The charity for 2020/2021
was "[Community
Foundation of South Lake](#)".

The mission of the
Foundation is "serving our
community through the
connecting of resources and
intentional philanthropic
giving."

FASFAA's goal was to raise
funds to support the
scholarship. College bound
recipients are identified
through the foundation's
DREAM Initiative. DREAM
students will have all of the
resources, support and
services necessary for
success; to ensure this
happens, the Foundation
decided to focus on 20
students living in South Lake
County, mainly in the 34711
zip code. This zip code has
one of the highest
occurrences of single
parents living under the
poverty line.

*Thank you to
those who
donated to our
charity. We
raised and
donated
\$3,423.00 for
the
Foundation.*

*In addition, we
provided over
\$1,000 in
school
supplies to
Mascotte
Charter
School.*

*To all that
donated,
THANK YOU!*

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*Scholarship/Charity
Chair Merrian King*

Congratulations to Our Annual Award Recipients!

Honorary Lifetime Member

- Maureen Anderson



Lifetime Service Award

- Dr. Pat Watkins
- Jill Lennox



Certificate of Appreciation

- Jennifer Towers



Ollicia Anderson Achievement Award

- Edward Schworn



President's Recognition Award

- Teriann Wright
- Laura Dickerson
- Kristina Chavers
- Heidi Goldsworthy
- Brenda Brown
- Edward Schworn



Bonnie Pirkle Memorial Scholarship Recipients

From 1998 to 2016, the FASFAA President has awarded an annual scholarship to a student in their institution.

Funds are collected throughout the FASFAA organization by donations and then added to our endowment account to maintain equity in the program.

In 2017, the FASFAA Executive Board agreed to expand the service of this scholarship to further assist students in our state.

The scholarship will be awarded to the respective school associated with the person serving in office. The awardees will receive the funds for 2122.

- **President's Award (University of South Florida)**

Kwabena-Joseph Baptiste
Casimir

Karissa Hamilton

Kelsey Hamilton

Noah Wiskoff

- **Vice-President of Training's Award (Ultimate Medical Academy)**

Crystal Yeater

- **Secretary's Award (Valencia College)**

Esther Rivera Camacho

Mary Cruz

- **Treasurer's Award (St. Petersburg College)**

No awardee--Allocation
given to Treasurer-Elect

- **Treasurer-Elect's Award (Eastern Florida State College)**

Sean Reyes

Walter Ellis

- **Region I Award (Gulf Coast State College)**

No awardee--Allocation
divided among region
representatives

- **Region II Award (University of Florida)**

Lise-Carla Honore

Noah Seppanen

- **Region III Award (University of Central Florida)**

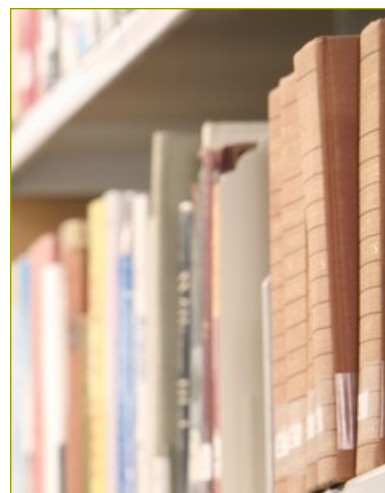
Christina Canjura

- **Region IV Award (Florida Gulf Coast University)**

Katia Gutierrez

- **Region V Award (Florida International University)**

Luisa Castrilli



Submissions from FASFAA Members

How to Go All In on Free College in Florida

By Kris Hatcher

While [Senate Bill 86](#) – the ill-conceived, mal-intentioned, and ultimately unsuccessful attempt by conservative Florida Senators to excessively expand state governmental authority over postsecondary education – drew the ire of many financial aid administrators, a separate piece of legislation demands contemplation.

[Senate Bill 8A](#), which passed Florida’s House and Senate chambers this week after a special legislative session, stands to expand gambling in the Sunshine state. If signed into law by Governor DeSantis, [this bill would legalize betting on sports and allow the Seminole Tribe to offer roulette and craps at its casinos in Broward and Hillsborough counties](#). Assuming that subsequent bureaucratic and legal challenges are overcome, Senate Bill 8A could present millions of dollars in reoccurring revenue to the state’s coffers.

Unfortunately, though, Democratic and Republican negotiations failed to earmark Senate Bill 8A’s proceeds to education. Whether myopic or unimaginative, conceding direct educational benefit is arguably statutory negligence. And yet, a separate untapped game of chance could fill the void of opportunity that has been left on the table.

That game? Poker.

You see, [playing interstate online poker for real money in the United States is federally illegal](#). However, five states – New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Nevada, Delaware, and West Virginia – [legally permit their residents to play intrastate poker online](#). By joining that clique, Florida could generate tons of revenue for education. Doing so might help solve the fiscal problem presented by President Biden’s “free” college plan, which [asks states to fund \\$1 for every \\$3 provided by the federal government to deliver the first two years of college at no cost to students](#).

The prospect of using gambling income to fund postsecondary endeavors is not a novel idea in Florida either. [Lottery earnings fund Bright Futures](#), and [the positive enrollment effects of such scholarships](#) assert that responsibly leveraging vice to propel education is justifiable. Turning to gambling is pragmatic in Florida, too, due to the way its citizens are taxed. States that levy income taxes can progressively fund educational initiatives. In contrast, a majority of Floridians would likely find across-the-board sales tax increases anathema, even if additionally generated funding were solely used to expand education.

And so, Senate Bill 8A may have unintentionally uncovered a path to providing the income necessary to increase college access. Allowing poker to be played online within state confines makes sense for education, and it seems like a no-brainer since Florida already allows in-person poker to be played at casinos and pari-mutuel facilities. Perhaps, then, the time has come for Florida to go all-in on free college by betting on internet poker.



Submissions from FASFAA Members

Financial Literacy at Valencia College

By: Odette De Leon

awareness; fostering a life-long road to financial success.

Have you ever looked outside and thought, what a beautiful world? Nature with all its colors, order and variety, each thing contributing to the overall delightfulness that our eyes perceive. Well, financial literacy at Valencia College is in some way a microcosm of this interplay of beautiful things. Year after year we strive to create a foundation of knowledge, promoting financial literacy among the student body through peer to peer learning.

Every day our advisors work together to provide a sense of order and direction to our student leaders, so that they can effectively impact their peers. Our student leaders, with all their different experiences and talents, bring color and variety to our program, and the conglomeration of their efforts continually produces a rainbow of success. From debt free graduates to first time comers who make wise use of their refunds, their work results in a beautiful array of impacted lives.

This year, with all its challenges, was no exception. We worked arduously to carry the program through all the rapid changes we were presented with. We were able to transition to a fully virtual work environment and developed online training tools to support our student leaders. We optimized outcomes by working together as a college wide program, to provide content filled presentations, with students' needs at the center. Our financial learning ambassadors impacted hundreds of peers because of their resilience and unwavering commitment to the financial wellbeing of their community.

Proudly, we celebrated our success with a virtual paint night. Each one of us expressing our joy and appreciation through art and color, expecting each painting to reflect our differences, but also our cohesiveness and unity of vision: To empower Valencia students to improve their personal financial



Submissions from FASFAA Members

Adopting a New Pet? How Much Your New Friend Could Cost

From the Earnest Blog

[By Sarah Netter](#) Updated on November 12, 2020

Americans will spend a collective \$99 billion on their pets this year and more people than ever are adopting a pet this year.

Andrea Howarth began scouring the Internet for available pets up for adoption a few weeks into the COVID-19 pandemic as it became increasingly clear that the kids were not going back to school, the parents would be working from home and their trip to Ireland was canceled.

“We searched every night around bedtime for the right dog for our family. It seemed every family was doing the same,” said Howarth, a high school counselor from Enfield, Connecticut. Her two children, ages 8 and 11, held up their end of the bargain of picking up after themselves and keeping their rooms clean while their parents filed several applications for puppy adoptions.

Then they found her — a 10-month old Labrador retriever mix named Bailey. “Having the summer was great timing to get Bailey transitioned to our house and provide her the attention and training she needed,” Howarth said. “I think it is important to make sure families have time to dedicate to a dog.”

Their family is part of a growing wave of people adopting furry, feathered, or scaly pets. Studies show pets offer their humans companionship, stress relief, mental health benefits, and a great reason to exercise. But they can also be costly. Adopting your new best friend is a commitment for the rest of your pet’s life and that is a responsibility that is not to be taken lightly.

Americans will spend a collective \$99 billion on their pets this year, according to the American Pet Products Association, which surveys pet owners each year.

And more people than ever have pets — 67% of US households have at least one pet, or about 85 million homes, up from 56% in 1998. The most popular pet, according to the APPA, is a dog, with 63.4 US households owning at least one. Cats come in second in 42.7 million households, followed by freshwater fish in 11.5 million households and birds in 5.7 million households.

[Read more here](#)

The logo for Earnest, featuring the word "earnest" in a lowercase, teal-colored, sans-serif font. The letter "e" is stylized with a small circular dot above it. The logo is centered on a solid purple rectangular background.

Can You See It?

All of these plates are
flipped upside down



Except one. Once you see that
one, they'll all be right side up

Throwback : 35 Years ago in FASFAA

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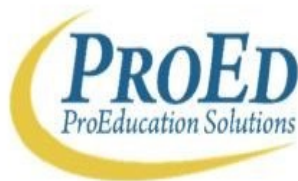
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Dameion Lovett, FASFAA President



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