

Region III Review

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BULLETIN: SPRING CONFERENCE REGISTRATION EXTENDED!!!



From the Editor's Corner:

This is the May 2009 issue of the FASFAA "Region III Review". It is the last issue from the editor Diane Reitz, who has been the FASFAA Region III Representative for the past two years. It has been an honor for her to serve the members of the Florida Association in Region III, for all the Florida counties of **Sumter, Lake, Volusia, Seminole, Orange, Brevard, Osceola, Indian River, Okeechobee and St. Lucie.**

YOUR NEW FASFAA EXECUTIVE BOARD: 2009-2010

Your new FASFAA President is Rebecca Lydick from Keiser University. Your Vice-President of Training is Trayce Smith from Rollins College. Your FASFAA Secretary continues to be Ryan McNamara from Clearwater Christian College. Your new FASFAA Region III Representative is Brad Honious, Director of Financial Aid at Valencia Community College. Your President-Elect is Nathan Basford from FSU.

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Go to our FASFAA website to find other members of the Executive Board, now and in the future, at <http://www.fasfaa.org>

I am so appreciative of our FASFAA Executive Board and all that they have done for our association and its members these past two years. What wonderful people they are. It has been an absolute pleasure working with

everyone. I encourage you to get involved and volunteer for FASFAA. You will be the one that benefits.

We encourage you to log into the FASFAA website and look at the conference agenda. It is magnificent. The workshops for new and experienced aid officers will be conveniently attached to the conference. The hotel is beautiful, comfortable, and family friendly. Think about bringing your family for the week!!!

FASFAA Annual Conference: May 26-29th! Conference Registration fee: \$175.00 Sawgrass Marriott Resort & Spa Ponte Vedra Beach, Florida

This registration fee includes the following fantastic and informative workshops:

Rookie's Training Camp (New Aid Officer Workshop) and the Returning All Star's Camp (HERA Training)

Make your reservations immediately for spending time with your FASFAA colleagues. Network and learn all about the changes in Financial Aid Programs. Visit the FASFAA website at www.fasfaa.org.

Register NOW! See You There!

Editor, Diane Reitz


**Message from Stephanie Durdley,
FASFAA Volunteer Services Chair:**

The revised FASFAA Volunteer Form is available under the Member Services tab at www.fasfaa.org. Being an active member of FASFAA is a rewarding personal and professional experience. Whether you have

volunteered in the past, are new to FASFAA or if you are a current member looking to become more involved, we encourage you to complete the Volunteer Form and look forward to the many opportunities that lie ahead. You are the FASFAA Organization. So complete the volunteer form today.

We also want to thank EdFund for printing the Foster Youth “College is Possible” brochures for our FASFAA Early Awareness Committee – Florida Foster Youth Project All but about 50 of the 500 copies have been delivered to our foster youth partners across the state for Florida. We hope that this brochure will help our foster youth students find their pathway to college in Florida. Thank you to FASFAA for supporting this project.

Hot Topic Section:



HERA federal changes are coming at us at a furious pace. Read the NASFAA and IFAP updates daily.

Current and Upcoming Events:



FASFAA Annual 2009 Spring Conference will be May 26, 2009 to May 29, 2009, at the Sawgrass Golf Resort and Spa (a Marriott Resort), on PGA Tour Blvd in Ponte Vedra Beach, Florida. The registration fee is \$175 for members and \$205 for non-members. Visit the FASFAA website for more information.

Make sure you support the service project for the FASFAA Spring Conference which is Community Connections of Jacksonville. This wonderful organization has been serving the needs of homeless and low-income women, children and families since 1911 in the Jacksonville area. They run an Early Learning Center for pre-school children in residence. We

encourage you to donate items, as well as any money you can give to this worthy project. Go to the website of Community Connections at <http://www.communityconnectionsjax.org/wish-list.html> and view the wish list. The community service table will be located close to the Spring conference registration desk, then later in the conference, it will move to the vendor area.

THE NASFAA BOARD:

Please contact any of the following with your thoughts and concerns. What do you think of the New Loan Model proposal?

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SASFAA Summer New Aid Officers Workshop – June 14th-19th at Clemson University. This is an intense professional development-training week. It is great for newcomers in the Financial Aid Profession. The registration fee is \$675 if registered before May 22nd. This training IS WORTH EVERY PENNY. Please visit http://www.sasfaa.org/docs/toc_training.htm for additional information and to register.



REMINDER FOR FASFAA REGION III:

FASFAA FINANCIAL AID TRAINING IS FOR YOU. Two FASFAA Spring training workshops are being offered on May 26th. These workshops are attached to our Spring Conference for no extra charge, however, registration is required for the workshops. The first is the “Rookies Training Camp” for new aid officers and the second, “Returning All Stars Camp” for experienced aid officers which will offer a reauthorization update and other helpful information. Go to our FASFAA website and



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check out the agenda for both workshops. It is quite a bonus for new aid officers and experienced aid officers.

We give a big thank you to Nathan Basford and the spring conference committee for all the planning and hard work in putting this excellent spring conference together for us. For information contact: **Nathan Basford, Spring Conference Chair, nbasford@admin.fsu.edu**

NASFAA 2009 National Conference:

July 12th - July 15, 2009, NASFAA 2009 National Conference in San Antonio, TX.

Please contribute to The Dallas Martin Endowment for Public Policy and Student Aid, which will honor Dallas Martin's accomplishments by increasing our public policy and student aid efforts through internships, a library for public policy, and a resource center.

FSA Annual Conference – Nashville, TN December 1 - December 4th 2009. Go to [//fsaconferences.ed.gov/](http://fsaconferences.ed.gov/) for more information. **This is one of the best conferences offered and it is free to register. One just has to pay for transportation and hotel – so get a group together, pile in a van and go!!**



Helpful Hints:

This section is reserved for ideas we have that help in our profession. If you have any hints you wish to share with your colleagues, please contact us with the information.

Since this is my last issue of the FASFAA Region III Review, I am going to mention a few things about financial aid that I have learned over the years.

1. The FAFSA is not easy to complete. Just because it is easy for you, does not mean it is simple for your students and parents.

2. Students and parents do read. They are often intimidated by instructions and forms.

3. Many students are grateful. You only hear from the students who have problems.

4. When you go to sleep each night, remember that you do good work that makes a difference in the quality of life for your students. This is important work you do, so do your best for them.

5. If you have chosen a career in financial aid, you are not in it for a tremendous salary. If you are the last to come in each morning and the first to leave in the afternoon, rethink your choice of professions. Perhaps you should have been a CEO for a large company.

6. Listen to what others say, but ultimately, think for yourself.



OTHER TOPICS:

We need to update our Foster Youth Network on the UCF website. Please go to the website at <http://finaid.ucf.edu/> under Foster Youth Information/ Foster Youth Network, where we have each school/college listed in our Central Florida area, and review your information, if the contact information has changed, please send me new contact information so that we can update our website. Thank you. Diane Reitz dreitz@mail.ucf.edu.



Announcements:

Lynda and Hernandez Toussaint of UCF have a new addition to their family. Leiyana Lynnez Toussaint was born on April 30, 2009 and she weighed 7 lbs 3 ounces. She was 20 inches long. Congratulations to all.



Thought of the Month:

I have become interested lately in recipe cookbooks from small town organizations,



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churches, community or regional groups, etc. They are so quaint and heartfelt. Recently, I acquired a cookbook put together between two churches from Montana and Florida around 1989 called Cross Country Tidbits. The recipes from Montana are very hearty and healthy. The Florida recipes are more diverse and interesting. The cookbook also has tidbits for living your life such as:

Your teenager may be moody, careless of the rights of others and downright rude; but remember, when the stew begins to boil; it is not anywhere near done.

Recipes:

*I didn't have potatoes,
So I substituted rice.
I didn't have paprika,
So I used another spice.
I didn't have tomato sauce,
I used tomato paste.
A whole can, not a half can,
I don't believe in waste.
A friend gave me the recipe,
She said you couldn't beat it.
There must be something wrong with her,
I couldn't even eat it.*



Jokes of the Month

"OH, I SURE AM HAPPY TO SEE YOU," THE LITTLE BOY SAID TO HIS GRANDMOTHER ON HIS MOTHER'S SIDE. "NOW MAYBE DADDY WILL DO THE TRICK HE HAS BEEN PROMISING US." THE GRANDMOTHER WAS CURIOUS. "WHAT TRICK IS THAT?" SHE ASKED. "I HEARD HIM TELL MOMMY THAT HE WOULD CLIMB THE WALLS IF YOU CAME TO VISIT," THE LITTLE BOY ANSWERED.

LITTLE JOHNNY ASKED HIS GRANDMA! HOW OLD SHE WAS. GRANDMA ANSWERED, "39 AND HOLDING." JOHNNY THOUGHT FOR A MOMENT, AND THEN SAID, "AND HOW OLD WOULD YOU BE IF YOU LET GO?"



Become a Member of FASFAA!



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To join FASFAA, please visit: <http://www.fasfaa.org> then click on Membership Renewal, and either renew your membership online, or you may use the New Member Application Form to join FASFAA. The annual dues are \$30. Membership goes from July 1 - June 30th. You may pay by check or by credit card. It's easy and simple!

Thank you to all FASFAA members that served on the FASFAA Early Awareness Outreach Foster Youth Project this year. You are wonderful people and I hope this committee continues its good work on behalf of our foster youth in Florida.

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Thank you to Jackie, Sue, Judy, Marian and Trayce for your contributions to the FASFAA Region III Review these past two years!!!