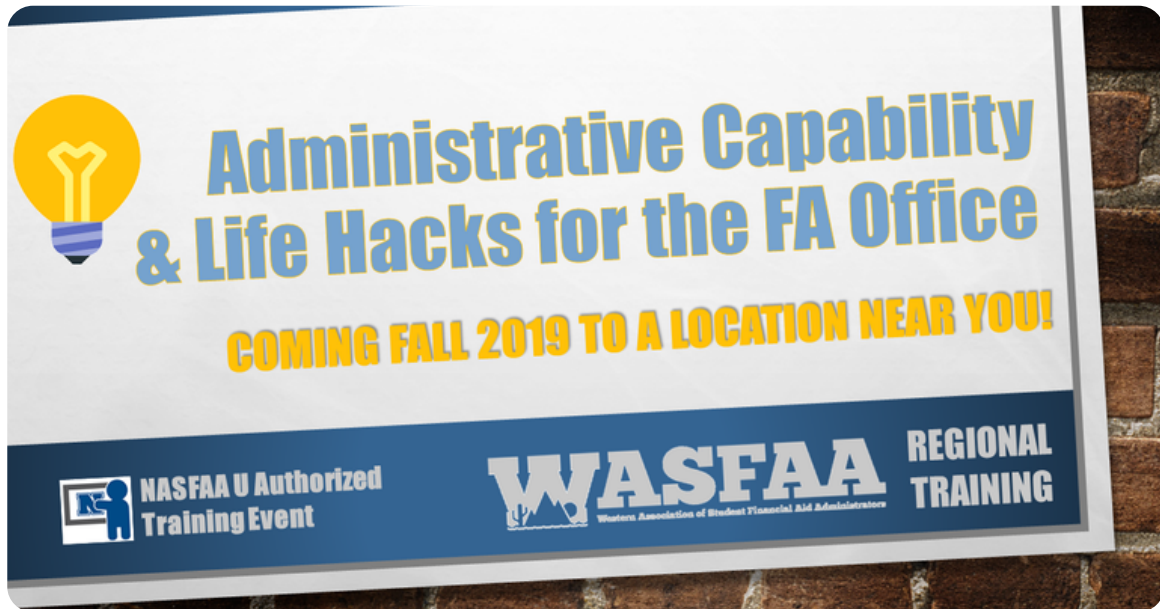


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Scott Cline
Vice President of Enrollment Management
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Hello Everyone!

Where did summer go? For my family, with our soon-to-be three-year-old, summer is a time to be together, slow down a bit, and travel less. In San Francisco, that means enjoying the sun when it comes out, but mostly bundling up from the fog and “cold.” And yes, we know Californians deserve their reputation for being wimps when it comes to cold. I hope everyone managed to get in some relaxation, and to stop counting every time you were asked, “don’t you get summers off?”

For those of us on semester calendars, or with kids in school, the school year is here and getting back into full swing. For those on quarters, you are just counting the days until everyone is back. I would encourage you all to take a minute--because you probably don’t have much more than a minute to spare--during the craziness of the start of the school year to reflect on how the work we do changes lives.

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Along with fall, and the return of the students we're here to support, comes travel and conference season. I am very much looking forward to the IASFAA conference in Boise, Idaho (October 14 - 17) and the WFAA conference in Yakima, Washington (October 22 - 24). They both have robust agendas for their conferences, and I'll be happy to connect with so many colleagues.

At the same time, WASFAA will be holding many fall training programs throughout the states, so check out the website for more details soon. Registration will be open shortly for the Jerry R. Sims Management & Leadership Institute in Long Beach, CA November 13th to the 15th.

Finally, make sure to mark your calendars for the 2020 WASFAA Annual Conference in Honolulu, Hawaii April 6th to the 8th at the Hilton Hawaiian Village in Waikiki. Be there!

Again, I would love to hear from you, so send me an email scline2@cca.edu, tweet at me on twitter, [@scottcline](https://twitter.com/scottcline) or drop a message on the [WASFAA Facebook page](#).

Scott Cline
WASFAA President



The WASFAA Membership Committee wants to hear from you!

We are in the process of building a new website and want to feature our members!

If you are interested in giving a testimonial of how WASFAA has helped you in your career, please contact our Membership Committee Chair, Ashley Coleman at ashleyjo@uoregon.edu.



Editor's Corner

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WASFAA Communications Chair



Hello WASFAA!

Can you believe it is already September? I hope everyone has a great start of your school year, or those getting ready to start have a smooth start. We have some great things highlighted this month in the newsletter. Don't forget we are always looking for feedback and article submissions, feel free to reach out to me at

David.Downing@asu.edu if you have feedback or would like to submit an article.

WASFAA Social Media Links



If you would like to send any feedback or contribute to the newsletter, please send your articles or submissions to communications@wasfaa.org by September 20th.

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- **Quarter page: 3 ½" x 4 ¾" \$100**

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FREE TRAININGS



WASFAA is pleased to share web-based training opportunities for financial aid administrators provided by our industry partners this month.

Topics range from financial aid compliance to helping students managing debt and repayment. These training and informational sessions are available to you free of charge.

Click [here](#) for more detailed information on the sessions offered and the registration links.

JOB POSTINGS

Visit the JobLinks page on www.wasfaa.org to find more details on the following listings:

Assistant Director of Financial Aid Western Oregon University; Monmouth, OR. Open Until Filled.

Assistant Director of Production: Boise State University; Boise, ID. Deadline 9.20.19.

Counselor- One Stop Services: Seattle University; Seattle, WA. Open until filled.

Director, Student Financial Services: Simpson University; Redding, CA. Open until filled.

Financial Aid Content Manager: Campus Logic; Chandler, AZ. Open until filled.

Financial Aid System Analyst Brigham Young University; Provo, UT. Deadline 8.21.19.

Financial Aid Systems Technician: Northland Pioneer College; Holbrook, AZ. Open until filled

Financial Aid Technician: University of Alaska Southeast; Juneau, AK. Deadline 9.16.2019

Program Specialist 2- Financial Aid: Seattle Colleges; Seattle, WA. Deadline 9.30.19

Financial Aid Processor: Southern Oregon University; Ashland, OR. Open until filled.

Project Coordinator, Financial Literacy: University of Arizona; Tucson, AZ. Deadline 9.11.19.



DON'T FORGET: MANAGEMENT & LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE!



Looking for an exciting professional development opportunity? WASFAA is offering Ethnic Diversity and General Scholarships for the Jerry R. Sims Management & Leadership Institute (MLI). This premier training event is for financial aid directors, associate or assistant directors, and other professionals who aspire to leadership roles within the student aid profession. MLI offers attendees a unique opportunity to network with their peers in a collaborative and engaging cohort setting, led by experienced faculty who are themselves accomplished leaders within their institutions and the financial aid community.

This year the MLI will be held in Long Beach, CA at the Hyatt Regency - November 13-15, 2019.

Visit our Scholarship Application page for more details. The scholarship deadline is September 14, 2019. [Apply today!](#)

Due to our new website upgrade, we will have the registration and more information regarding MLI added to the website soon! Please monitor our [MLI Website](#) for detailed information!

SAVE THE DATE: SUMMER INSTITUTE 2020!



COMING SOON- NOMINATIONS FOR 2020-2021 EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

Are you interested in growing personally and professionally? Do you know someone that is a great leader? Is a co-worker passionate about financial aid advocacy or training?

Serving as an executive council member with WASFAA is a great opportunity to practice and develop your leadership skills and sharing your love of financial aid. Nominations for the 2020-2021 council will be open this fall.

You can nominate yourself or a colleague to run in the following positions:

President-Elect: To be president in 2021-2022, this individual will spend the year serving as an advisor to the WASFAA Executive Council and learning what to do over their presidential year.

Vice President: The Vice President will assist with financial affairs, reviewing bank statements and insurance documents. The vice president gets to select the member gift for the annual conference and summer institute.

Secretary: This person will take minutes for executive council and some committees, assist with voting calculations, and help maintain order of reports.

Ethnic Diversity Rep-at-Large: The Ethnic Diversity Representative-at-Large will serve as the chair for Ethnic Diversity Action Committee and will coordinate conference sessions and training topics on diversity issues throughout the year.

More details on the job duties of each position can be found in our Policies & Procedures Manual. The election will open in late November with results being available in December. The elected officials will participate in an in-person orientation in February 2020, and executive council meetings in June 2020, November 2020 and February 2021. All travel costs are covered by WASFAA.

If you are interested in running for an elected position, but are unsure of the time commitment or responsibilities, please feel free to contact the Nominations & Elections Chair, Ashley Munro, at akmunro@alaska.edu or (907) 474-1934. You can also speak with any member of the Executive Council for details.



STATE NEWS- WASHINGTON



Sarah Everitt
WFAA President
Director of Financial Aid Operations
Gonzaga University

Greetings WASFAA!

I hope the start of each of your school years is going well. Classes started at Gonzaga in late August and we are in the full swing of the academic year after a productive summer.

Shortly after the WASFAA conference, the past and current WFAA executive councils met for our transition meeting. We have a small but committed group eager to advocate for students. Washington also hosted the 2019 Sister Dale Brown Summer Institute at Gonzaga in June, it was a pleasure to share my hometown of Spokane with over one hundred financial aid friends.

One of the highlights of my summer was a trip to the other “Washington”, Washington DC to participate in Financial Aid Offerpalooza, a design workshop hosted by New America. The workshop stemmed from a report on financial aid award letters last year and the increased attention on the often inconsistent way financial aid eligibility is communized. The attendees included financial aid professionals, students, parents, student advocates and policy makers; each of us with our own ideas on how to make the financial aid offers better for students. I left with a greater appreciation for the challenges students face navigating this complicated process, as well as a lot of good ideas to put into practice.

Throughout the summer, the WFAA conference committee has been busy planning the 2019 conference, and I am delighted to share the details. The conference will be at the Yakima Convention Center in Yakima, Washington. The conference will start with lunch Tuesday, October 22nd and conclude with the annual WFAA business meeting on Thursday October 24th. Dr. Kathleen Ross, a cross-cultural communication leader in higher education and co-founder of Heritage College and Javonnie Shearn, founder of the non-profit Up and Over will share stories of inspiration with conference participants. In addition to break-out sessions geared towards financial aid professionals, the conference will also feature a high-school educator track for our colleagues working in high schools. This track has been approved for continuing education clock hours.

I look forward to connecting with you all through the fall!

