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Happy New Year, everyone!

I hope the winter break was relaxing but didn't slow things down too much! I was still able to find my office last week, and I hope you were also. As we ring in a new calendar year, return from winter break, and start welcoming students back to campus for the spring semester, I wanted to take a moment to let you know about a few developments, as well as some upcoming WASFAA events.

We held our annual election, and I am pleased to say that turnout was high, and we have some great newcomers as well as many familiar faces. Congratulations to the newly elected members, and thank you very much to everyone who ran. We are looking forward to another great year.

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Coming up in the more immediate future are a few events I wanted to make sure are on your radar for February and early March. OASFAA hosts its annual conference in just a few weeks, February 5 - 7, at the Salishan Resort in Gleneden, Oregon, which is right on the coast. It's a spectacular setting, and I'm looking forward to being there. The WASFAA Board will meet in Las Vegas, February 19 - 21, for our transition meeting. A few weeks after that, Ashley Munroe and I will be traveling to Washington, DC, to attend the NASFAA Board meeting. Please let either of us know if there are any questions or concerns you'd like us to relay to the NASFAA board; We will be more than happy to do so.

Last but certainly not least is our annual conference, April 5 - 8. I may have mentioned in a previous newsletter that we'll be holding it in Honolulu? As it turns out, I was just in Hawaii over the winter break, and I am very much looking forward to returning for the conference (getting my surfing in and my runs around Diamond Head done—anyone wants to join me?). I also found two additional restaurants in Honolulu. I wanted to recommend: Mud Hen Water [<https://www.mudhenwater.com>] and Senia [<http://restaurantsenia.com>].

Again, I would love to hear from you, so send me an email scline2@cca.edu, tweet at me on twitter, @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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Hey there, WASFAA!

Happy 2020! I hope everyone enjoyed their holiday season and had a stress free start of the spring semester.

The first newsletter of the year is here! We have great state updates and a message from our Ethnic Diversity Action Committee with some wonderful suggestions of places to visit if you plan to go to Hawaii for our annual conference in Hawaii.

I'm still looking for new ideas on regular features we can include in this newsletter. If you have any suggestions, please let me know. I want to ensure this remains something that is helpful and useful for you as you navigate your profession! I can be reached at hrosinbum@email.arizona.edu.

Also, if you don't already, be sure to follow us on all of our social media platforms!

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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:

Financial Aid Counselor/Assistant Director: Whitworth University; Spokane, WA. Closes 2/26/2020

Financial Aid Counselor: University of Washington; Seattle, WA. Closes 2/23/2020

Director of Financial Aid: Hawaii Pacific University; Honolulu, HI. Closes 3/21/2020

Director Financial Aid and Scholarships: Eastern Washington University; Cheney, WA. Closes 2/15/2020

Financial Aid Counselor: Truckee Meadows Community College; Reno, NV. Closes 2/09/2020

Graduate Financial Aid Counselor: Multnomah University; Portland, OR. Closes 2/08/2020

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Financial Aid Counselor: Western Oregon University; Monmouth, OR. Closes 2/07/2020

Director of Financial Aid: Cogswell Polytechnical College; San Jose, CA. Closes 2/14/2020

Senior Financial Aid Advisor: Cogswell Polytechnical College; San Jose, CA. Closes 2/14/2020

A MESSAGE FROM YOUR ETHNIC DIVERSITY ACTION REPRESENTATIVE



Jannine Oyama
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As the 2020 WASFAA Conference approaches and you're planning your trip to Hawaii, please consider adding a couple of extra days to take in some of the historic places and foods that the island of Oahu has to offer.

A few of my favorite historical places that I would recommend are:

Iolani Palace is registered as a National Historic Landmark and the only official royal palace in the United States. They are closed on Sundays and have guided and self-guided tours; personally, I recommend the guided tour and to make reservations in advance.

Bishop Museum houses an extensive collection of Hawaiian objects and royal family heirlooms of Princess Bernice Pauahi, and has expanded to include objects, documents, and photographs about Hawaii and the other Pacific island cultures.

Pearl Harbor is a National Memorial that commemorates the history of World War II in the Pacific from the events leading to the December 7, 1941 attack. The visitor center is free and open to the public. You do not need tickets to see the museums and grounds; however, to take the boat ride out to the USS Arizona Memorial, you do need a ticket and tickets become available 60 days in advance; starting at 7:00 AM HST. Tickets are free so they go quickly.

If you like outdoor activities, a couple of good places to hike and get rewarding view are:

Diamond Head State Monument. Cost is \$1/person for pedestrians or \$5/per car and is cash only. The trail can be uneven at places and have steep steps going up to the top through a tunnel so I would recommend bringing a small flashlight.

Makapuu Point Lighthouse is a paved trail so is stroller-friendly. Parking is free but fills quickly and there are no restroom facilities. There are a couple of small trails to walk down to the tide pools but be careful and mind the warning signs because the winds and surf can get very strong.

If you like the ocean, you may want to consider snorkeling at Hanauma Bay Nature Preserve to swim with a variety of beautifully colored tropical fish; including our state fish, the Humuhumunukunuuapuaa. Parking is \$1/vehicle but fills up quickly so it is recommended to go early morning or mid-afternoon, entrance fee is \$7.50/person and closed on Tuesdays.

Fun fact – Not everyone who live in Hawaii are called Hawaiians like how people who live in California are called Californians or those from New York are New Yorkers. In Hawaii, those who are Hawaiians are Native Hawaiians which mean that their descendants were the original people who lived in Hawaii. Others; who are long-time residents of Hawaii are considered either a local or kama'aina.

Hope to see you in April 2020!

STATE NEWS- WASHINGTON



Sarah Everitt
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Director of Financial Aid Operations
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Greetings WASFAA!

I hope your winter season is going well. Spokane's winter has been very, well, average. We've had periods of snow and cold, but also some mild temperatures mixed in. I am enjoying the three extra minutes of daylight each day. This time of year, it is a treat to leave work in the daylight!

It is hard to believe my year as WFAA president is over halfway over. In October, we had a successful conference in Yakima, Washington. About 130 financial aid administrators and college advocates from across the state met as we shared ideas, networked, and collaborated on how to improve access to college. Like WASFAA, our state association voted to implement institutional pricing. This will allow many aid administrators from one school to join WFAA at an institutional price. We are optimistic this model will increase engagement and continuity of membership, as well as enhance training and networking opportunities for financial aid professionals across the state.

WFAA's next big objective is to conduct a statewide student survey to calculate the costs, on average, students incur while attending school. WFAA and the Washington Student Achievement Council coordinate a statewide student survey every other year. The results are analyzed and used to create Cost of Attendance (COA) components. This information is shared with WFAA members and schools can choose to use this data to create student budgets for their various programs. My school, and others, appreciate having comprehensive and sound methodology behind our COAs.

Events like the conference and the student budget survey are not possible without committed volunteers. Volunteers are our associations greatest asset, our success depends on it! With that said, WFAA is in the process of recruiting volunteers for the 2020-21 WFAA year, including President-Elect and VP for Legislation, and a Conference Co-Chair, among other positions. Interested WFAA members can reach out to me directly (president@wfaa.org) or complete 2020 [WFAA Volunteer Interest Form](#).

I look forward to connecting with you at the WASFAA conference and throughout the spring!

STATE NEWS- CALIFORNIA



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Hello from Sunny California,

I know that a few of us are trying to dig out from under the beginning of the Spring term. It has been a busy time for CASFAA as we recently concluded our elections. If you have time please feel free to congratulate our recently elected Jesse Marquez of Whitter College, President-elect (2021).

CASFAA has almost finished out 2020 Tax Training for Professionals workshops presented by IronBridge Resources, however, be on the lookout as we will also be offering a webinar opportunity. Coming Soon.

Verification may not have changed much, but it sure feels like it does. Between the new 1040 and Schedules, changes to the documentation we can collect to complete verification, and the new qualification rules for the Simplified Formula and the Automatic Zero EFC, and the new \$5.00 gross income filing requirement for taxpayers using the married filing separately status, it sure feels more complicated than it used to. These issues and a sneak peak at the 2019 changes will be discussed during this year's CASFAA tax training.

Our next event will be our Day at the Capitol, in late April. This is an opportunity for our members to interact with state policy makers. The next annual conference will be in Northern California, October Oct 24th –Oct 26th at the Santa Clara Marriott.

The year has gone by too quickly, and CASFAA has so much more to do, we are looking at our membership structure, increasing our volunteers and developing sustainable policies so that CASFAA is available for all our young leaders in the future.