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Newsletter

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A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT:

Members,

Greetings from your President! NCASFAA just wrapped up its Fall Conference in Charlotte. It was a great success! The conference had record attendance with 329 members registered for the event. This year's theme, "Educating America – NCASFAA's Opportunity to Lead" provided training opportunities for all aid professionals, from beginner to experienced. The Keynote Speaker, Dr. James Johnson from UNC-Chapel Hill, started the event with a frank and eye-opening discussion on the demographic changes that will shape the country in the coming years. The Fall Program Chair, Joann Carreras, and her Program Committee did an outstanding job of putting together a conference that was informative and fun. NCSFAA selected Communities and Schools as its primary charity and raised over \$1300 for them. These funds will go toward a scholarship for an at-risk student to attend college. Additionally, NCASFAA wanted to do something to support our colleagues in Mississippi. Another \$792 dollars was raised and sent to the South East Mississippi Chapter of the American Red Cross in Pascagoula in support of hurricane relief.

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A Winter Wonder Land



President's Message continued

NCASF AA is now gearing up for its first Leadership Symposium. This unique training opportunity will focus on networking and strategic planning. The symposium will be held in Greensboro, December 7th and 8th at the Embassy Suites. The event will feature professional trainers and dynamic speakers for all four meal functions at a very low cost to NCASF AA members. This is an exciting opportunity for NCASF AA to assist in fostering the leadership development of aid professionals across North Carolina.

NCASF AA is also excited about hosting the 2006 Annual SASF AA Conference in Greensboro. Our own Lianne Masterson is this year's Conference Chair and we know from past experience that she will do a great job. We are working on plans for the Hospitality Suite and hope to see many of you there in February! The Executive Board will need your help to make sure the Suite is a success. Stay tuned for more information on how you can help!

Mark your calendars for the 2006 Spring NCASF AA Conference in beautiful Wrightsville Beach. We will be at the Holiday Inn Sunspree April 24th through the 26th. Tony Carter will Chair the Program Committee and is sure to put together an event that will be worth your time. Remember to save the date!

Lastly, please know that I want to hear from you... Things you like, things you don't, ways we are helping and areas where we need to do better. This is your organization and I am appreciative of the opportunity to serve you. I hope each of you enjoy a happy holiday season. See you in 2006!

Dana D. Kelly

NCASF AA President

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Hurricane Relief

Submitted by Amy Berrier

NCASF AA Membership Chair

This fall has been one of the most active hurricane seasons ever in the Atlantic and Gulf Coast regions. At the end of August, Hurricane Katrina devastated the Gulf Coast, particularly areas of Mississippi, Alabama, and Louisiana. NCASF AA decided to add an additional charity for the fall conference in Charlotte by helping to raise funds for hurricane relief. On Tuesday evening at the banquet, I presented a slide show of pictures depicting the devastation of Hurricanes Katrina and Rita on the Gulf Coast area. Thanks to all of you and your generosity, NCASF AA was able to raise \$792.00 to aid those in need! The donations were sent to a local American Red Cross chapter in Pascagoula, Mississippi, one of the hardest hit areas by the devastating hurricanes. Please continue to remember those affected by this devastation as their recovery will not happen overnight.



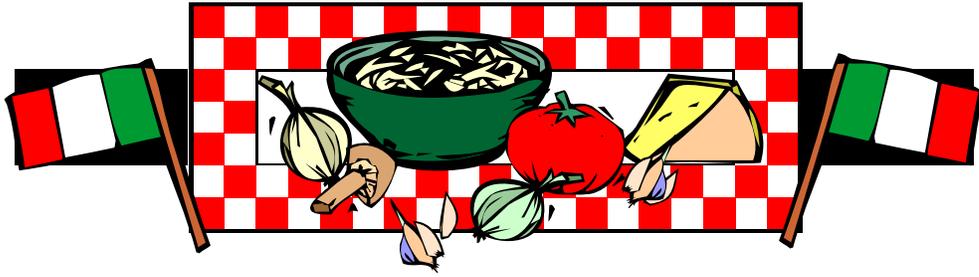
Memories from NCASF^{AA}'S Fall 2005 Conference, Westin Hotel, Charlotte NC



Dana Kelly, Rosemary Stelma, and Rance Jackson



Dana Kelly, President and Sharon Oliver, Past President



Executive Board & Program Committee Dinner at Frankie's Italian Grille



President Kelly's Amore'



President Kelly, Joann Carreras, and Monty Hickman

NCASF^{AA} AWARD NOMINATIONS FORM

2005-06

Submitted by: Sharon Oliver – Immediate Past President

NCASF^{AA} is seeking nominations for several awards to present for the 2005-06 year. These awards will be given during the Annual Spring Conference. If you would like to nominate a colleague for an award, please complete this form and return it to Sharon Oliver by March 11, 2006.

Distinguished Service Award

The Distinguished Service Award is the highest award given by NCASF^{AA}. This award is presented to an individual who has made an important contribution to the Association or to the profession that the Association wishes to recognize.

Award of Merit

The Award of Merit is awarded to an individual or individuals who have made outstanding contributions to the Association or to the profession. The recipient may or may not be a member of NCASF^{AA} or may have been actively involved in associations in additions to NCASF^{AA}.

New Member Award

The New Member Award is awarded to an individual or individuals that are new to NCASF^{AA} (defined as three years or less) and have made a significant contribution to the association with their short tenure.

Shining Star Award

The Shining Star is awarded to members by other members throughout the year. Members may recognize other members' acts of outstanding reliability, professionalism, responsiveness, empathy, or other valued acts of character, at any time during the year. A list of names will be presented in each newsletter, on the listserv, and on the association web site. All shining stars will receive a certificate. The top recipient will receive special recognition at the annual spring meeting.



Please go to the NCASF^{AA} web page at www.ncasfaa.org and print a Nomination form and **please return to Sharon Oliver by March 11, 2006**, North Carolina Central University, P. O. Box 19496, Durham, NC 27707. For more information Email soliver@ncu.edu, or please contact Mrs. Oliver at 919.530.7412. To Fax your nomination, the Fax number is 919.530.7959.



*Presenting NCASF^{AA}'s Distinguished Gentleman
Mr. Curtis Whalen*



*Mr. Whalen acceptance speech after receiving the
NCASF^{AA} Distinguished Service Award*



Mr. & Mrs. Whalen with their family

NASFAA/NCASFAA Fall Training

Bill Zahn, UNC-Greensboro – VP Report

The training was held at the three sites around the state: Attendance as follows

10/10/2005 – UNCG – Greensboro, NC - there were 40

10/11/2005 – Lenoir Rhyne College – Hickory, NC – there were 30

10/18/2005 – Pitt Community College – Greenville, NC – there were 28

The excess materials were distributed by NCSEAA and they are all gone.

Trainers were Elizabeth McDuffie and Bill Zahn

NASFAA Evaluations were completed and have been sent to NASFAA

2005 Fall NCASFAA New Aid Officers Training –

The training was held November 12th and 13th prior to the NCASFAA Fall Conference in at Charlotte Westin Hotel. There was a good attendance – there were 30 who were in attendance.

I want to thank the following NCASFAA members who responded to an urgent request for help in putting together the training activity –

A special thanks to Kay Stroud – Appalachian State - Associate Director who worked to coordinate the training activity.

Members who worked registration desk-

Paul Coscia – Guilford College – Assistant Director of Financial Aid

Aesha Abdullah – UNC Chapel Hill – Financial Aid Counselor

Dee Allsbrook - UNC Chapel Hill – Financial Aid Counselor

Brenda Mercer – Wayne Community College – Assistant Director of Financial Aid/VA Coordinator

Members who served as instructors-

Bruce Cabiness – UNC-G – Associate Director

Linda Smiley – Cape Fear Community College – Director of Financial Aid

Melody Lawrence – Southwestern Community College – Director of Financial Aid

David Bowman – NC State University – Assistant Director

Steve Brooks – North Carolina State Education Assistance Authority – Executive Director

Bruce Blackmon – UNC Pembroke – Director of Financial Aid

Anita Pennix – Davidson County Community College – Director of Financial aid

Barbara McQueen – Account Manager - Citibank

Polly Hedrick – NC A & T State University – Financial Aid Counselor

Elizabeth V. McDuffie, Director of Grants, Training and Outreach – North Carolina State

This training opportunity could not have been provided to our membership with out the contributions of all of these members sharing their time and expertise.

NCASFAA Spring 2006 Pre-Conference Training Activity

Prior to the Spring 2006 NCASFAA Conference at the Holiday Inn SunSpree – Wrightsville Beach, the pre-conference training will be held Sunday starting at noon April 23rd and Monday morning April 24th. The training opportunity is for NCASFAA FAO's with 2 or more years experience in financial aid. The topic will be an in depth looks at tax returns provided by Jim Briggs "The Tax Detective" who has conducted workshops here in North Carolina and presented at both SASFAA and NASFAA. More information will follow.

2006 SASFAA Conference

Financial Aid: Unmasked



The 2006 SASFAA Conference will convene February 12th - 15th in Greensboro, NC at the Sheraton Four Seasons Hotel. You will not want to miss this exciting opportunity for learning, training and networking! Mark your calendars **now** – 2006 will be here before you know it! Hotel reservation information and tentative agenda will be posted on the SASFAA web site in the next few weeks. In the meantime, if you would like to make reservations, contact the hotel directly at (336) 292-9161. If you have any questions about the conference or would like to give your input, please contact one of the following Conference Committee members:

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We look forward to seeing you at the 2006 SASFAA Conference!

Let's Go To The Beach!



Now that the Fall Conference has come and gone, your Program Committee has started on plans for NCASF AA's Spring Meeting. Mark your calendars for April 24-26 when we will be staying at the beautiful oceanfront Holiday Inn SunSpree Resort in Wrightsville Beach. You can visit their website to get a preview (<http://www.wrightsville.sunspreeresorts.com/>).

While most of the conference agenda is currently in the development stage, we can let you know that one night we will be having a casino party. A professional gaming company will be bringing in 17 gaming tables plus slot machines for our enjoyment...no, you cannot win any money! And no, the conference theme will NOT be "*what happens in Wrightsville Beach stays in Wrightsville Beach*"!

The Program Committee needs your input as to what session topics and presenters you would like to see. If you have a suggestion, please let Teresa Williams at Wingate University know as soon as possible by e-mailing her at tgwilliam@wingate.edu.

Attendance records were broken at the Fall Conference in Charlotte with 329 registrants. Let's try to break another record for the spring!

Hope to see all of you in Wrightsville Beach!

Tony D. Carter
NCASF AA Spring Conference Chair

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Important Dates

Date(s)	Event	Location
January 4, 2006	NCSEAA High School Counselor Internship Application deadline	Submit application to: Robbie Schultz
February 12-15, 2006	SASFAA 2006 Conference	Greensboro NC
February 18, 2006	FAFSA Day	Many Different Locations throughout NC
March 11, 2006	NCASFAA Nomination Forms Due	Submit Nomination Form to: Sharon Oliver
April 23-24, 2006	NCASFAA Spring 2006 Pre-Conference Training Activity	SunSpree Resort Wrightsville Beach, NC
April 24-26, 2005	NCASFAA Spring 2006 Conference	SunSpree Resort Wrightsville Beach, NC

NCASF^{AA} Middle School Summer Enrichment Scholarship

Submitted by Tolly Tollesfson

The NCASF^{AA} Special Project Committee on Scholarships has had a busy fall. The Middle School Summer Enrichment Scholarship is officially launched, information and applications are available on the NCASF^{AA} web site:

<http://www.ncasfaa.com/middleschoolsch.htm>.

The scholarship is designed to encourage disadvantaged Middle School students to begin considering attending college after finishing high school by providing tuition to a summer enrichment program at a North Carolina college or university. Each student will be matched with a NCASF^{AA} Mentor to assist the student with selecting a program and requesting funds from NCASF^{AA}. Students must be at least 13 years old at the time of application, attend middle school in North Carolina and be able to provide documentation of eligibility for the free or reduced lunch program.

The application deadline was December 1, 2005. There will be three tuition scholarships awarded up to \$1,000 each. Scholarship recipients will represent the Eastern, Western, and Middle Regions of the State.

Once the committee has selected the three recipients they will send out a request for NCASF^{AA} Mentors. Information about the responsibilities of the mentors and how to volunteer will be posted to the NCASF^{AA} Listserv.

This is a very exciting program and there are high hopes that additional funds can be raised in future years to expand the program.

Summer Counselor Internship Applications Available

Submitted by Robbie Schultz

The North Carolina State Education Assistance Authority (NCSEAA) will again sponsor an internship opportunity for high school counselors to work in North Carolina financial aid offices in the summer of 2006. Program details and grant applications for campuses interested in hosting a counselor intern were mailed to the state's financial aid directors in November. **The application deadline is January 4, 2006.**

The internship program is intended to help counselors learn more about the financial aid process and the sources of financial assistance available to students seeking post-secondary education. It is the hope of NCSEAA that by giving counselors exposure to the financial aid process they will have more skills to encourage high school students to pursue a college education and help remove the obstacles that can discourage students and parents.

As in past years, the grants made to the institutions through this program will include funds to pay the interns, as well as the employer's share of FICA, Medicare, and unemployment taxes. Interns will receive compensation of \$700 for each 30 hour week they work.

Internships must be from three to six weeks in length. The institution and the counselor selected for the internship will determine the length of the internship jointly, and the pay will be adjusted appropriately.

Schools will be selected to participate in the program based on the breadth of exposure proposed for the intern as reported on their grant applications. In addition, consideration will be given to having representation from a variety of institution types and geographical locations.

If you have questions, or if you do not receive an application and would like to apply for a grant, please contact Robbie Schultz at the State Education Assistance Authority at robbie@ncseaa.edu, 919-248-4686 or 800-700-1775 x-686.

NCASFAA's Support Staff Committee

Janice Waugh, Support Staff Chair

NCASFAA's Support Staff Committee has been working very hard planning two Professional Development opportunities in December. The title of the Professional Development workshops, "STEPS to BUILDING a STRONG FOUNDATION" were held on December 1, 2005 and December 6, 2005 and were hosted at the following campuses UNC-Charlotte, December 1st and Meredith College December 6th

Thanks to everyone who attend!

Janice Waugh



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Additionally, by registering to the Web site, high school seniors are eligible to win a weekly \$1,000 scholarship to assist in their financial commitment to college.





Congratulations

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- *Melody Osteen* joined the staff at St. Andrews Presbyterian College in June 2005. She is a Financial Planning Counselor and Loan Coordinator. Melody comes to us after working for Abbott Laboratories for almost 10 years. She has two sons; Charlie 14 years and Jeremy 11 years.
- *Deana Summerlin*, Assistant Director of Financial Aid, Barton College, Wilson, NC gave birth to **Bryson Dean Summerlin** on June 28, 2005. He weighed 6 lbs. and 13 ozs.
- **Community Colleges recognize Yvonne Goodman** (excerpt from Goldsboro News Argus).

Yvonne Goodman was recognized as the 2005 Staff Person of the Year by the State Board of Community Colleges in November at the annual awards luncheon in Raleigh. Yvonne is associate vice president for student services at Wayne Community College. A graduate of Wayne CC, Goodman began her professional career as a secretary at the college in 1971. She then began a series of jobs in financial aid and personnel, but says students have always been her primary focus. Goodman's service to the NCCCS can be seen in the many workshops and programs in which she has participated or led.

Yvonne started as a secretary, was promoted four years later to assistant financial aid director and to financial aid director after another four years. Along the way, she earned a bachelor's degree, then a master's degree, all while working full-time for the college. Ms. Goodman said her experiences as a student help her deal with young people today. They are going through the same phases as she did years ago, she said. "I guess that's why I have such a close understanding of our students, what they're going through, because this is what I did as well," she said. Ms. Goodman said she was honored and humbled to learn she would receive the award. But education is a team effort, she said, and she considers herself lucky to work at Wayne Community College.



Congratulations Yvonne! You have certainly made your financial aid colleagues proud!

Mark Your Calendar for FAFSA Day – February 18, 2006

Submitted by Robbie Schultz, NCSEAA

FAFSA Day is **Saturday, February 18, 2006**. We are pleased to announce that College Foundation of North Carolina and NCASFAA will host programs at 42 locations across North Carolina, and we are delighted that so many NCASFAA members will volunteer that day to help the state's students and their families complete and electronically submit their FAFSAs.

Last February we helped about 1350 North Carolinians complete their financial aid forms at FAFSA Day programs, and we hope to assist even more students and families in 2006.

Beginning in October students will be able to register for the program at www.CFNC.org or by calling 866-866-CFNC. We will promote FAFSA Day through direct mailings to students and high school counselors and through public service announcements to newspapers and radio and television stations across the state. This year we will also air a 30-second public service video promoting FAFSA Day on television stations throughout North Carolina.

We are grateful for the support from so many NCASFAA members. If you need additional information about FAFSA Day, or if you would like to volunteer to help at a FAFSA Day site near you, please contact Robbie Schultz at 919-248-4686 or 800-700-1775 ext. 686 or email Robbie at robbie@ncseaa.edu

The 2006 FAFSA Day sites are:

Asheboro (Randolph Community College)
Asheville (UNC at Asheville)
Boone (Appalachian State University)
Buies Creek (Campbell University)
Charlotte (Downtown Public Library)
 From 9:30 am-3 pm in Charlotte only *
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Concord (Cabarrus College of Health Sciences)
Dobson (Surry Community College)
Dublin (Bladen Community College)
Durham (North Carolina Central University)
Elizabeth City (College of the Albemarle)
Elon (Elon University)
Fayetteville (Fayetteville Tech. Comm. College)
Goldsboro (Wayne Community College)
Greensboro (Guilford College)
Greensboro (North Carolina A&T State University)
Greenville (Pitt Community College)
Hamlet (Richmond Community College)
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Murfreesboro (Chowan College)
New Bern (Craven Community College)
Pembroke (UNC at Pembroke)
Pinehurst (Sandhills Community College)
Raleigh (Meredith College)
Rocky Mount (Nash Community College)
Roxboro (Piedmont Community College - hosted
by the Educational Opportunity Center and PCC)
Sanford (Central Carolina Community College)
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County campus)
Sylva (Southwestern Community College)
Troy (Montgomery Community College)
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Williamston (Martin Community College)
Wilmington (UNC at Wilmington)
Winston-Salem (Wake Forest University)
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From the
NCASFAA Executive Board*

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