

Featured Presenters



Craig D. Rorie

Craig Rorie has been the Federal Training Officer for Federal Student Aid, Region III with the U.S. Department of Education for the past eleven years, providing training and technical assistance in all aspects of Title IV: Pell; Direct Loan; Campus Based; R2T4; credit and clock hours; and modules. He has also served as training team lead within the Department of Education for national Direct Loan training, online Default Prevention and Management training, and is currently the team lead in developing campus safety and security (Clery) training. Mr. Rorie spent the prior twelve years employed by the Federal Government, working in various capacities in the Office of Federal Investigations involved in national security and suitability investigations, computer security, training, and contract monitoring. Mr. Rorie earned his B.A. in Economics from Belmont Abbey College.



Brian Underhill, Director of State Scholarship and Grant programs - Florida

Brian Underhill has been the Director of State Scholarship and Grant programs for the state of Florida for the past four and a half years. For the nine years prior to joining OSFA, Mr. Underhill was an education analyst with the Florida Legislature's Office of Program Policy Analysis and Government Accountability. Underhill earned his master's degree in Public Administration from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.



Billie Jo Hamilton, University of South Florida (National Chair)

Billie Jo Hamilton is the Associate Vice President for Enrollment Planning and Management at the University of South Florida. She supervises the offices of Admissions, Registrar and University Scholarships & Financial Aid Services. She is a past state president (Kansas) and has held numerous elected and appointed positions in RMASFAA, SASFAA and MASFAA. She has served as NASFAA conference chair, NASFAA Leadership Expo chair, as a commission director, and has presented numerous times at the NASFAA Leadership Conference. She has also held a three year term as a Representative at Large on the NASFAA Board of Directors. She has a bachelor's degree in marketing and a masters in business administration from Pittsburg State University (KS).



Dr. Paula D. Kohler, Executive Director of the Florida Center for Students with Unique Abilities

Dr. Paula Kohler is one of the nation's foremost experts in transition education for youth with disabilities. Now a national leader in transition programs for youth with intellectual disabilities, she has spent the past 26 years conducting research focused on preparing youth with disabilities for college and careers. Prior to being selected as the Center's first Executive Director, Dr. Kohler served as AVP of Research and professor in the Special Education Program at Western Michigan University. Kohler earned her master's degree in Educational Leadership at UCF and earned her doctorate in Special Education from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.



Paul G. Perrault, Ph.D., Vice President and Director of Research and Evaluation

Dr. Paul G. Perrault is the Vice President and Director of Research & Evaluation for Helios Education Foundation. Dr. Perrault is charged with the development of a coordinated research and evaluation agenda around Helios's three impact areas of Early Grade Success, College and Career Readiness, and Postsecondary Completion. Prior to joining Helios, he was a research faculty member at the Institute for Social Research at the University of Michigan where he served as a lead investigator on Arizona's Move On When Ready evaluation and as principal investigator on Yuma's Ready Now Yuma evaluation. Dr. Perrault received his Ph.D. in Educational Foundations and Policy with a specialization in research methodology at the University of Michigan.



Katherine Snyder, Florida Department of Veterans' Affairs

Ron Scoggins, VA Central Office Education Service

Ron has worked in VA education for over 43 years and is one of two Supervisory Education Liaison Representatives who supervise the compliance and liaison staff for the VA Central Office Southern Region Outreach Offices. In the course of his career, Ron has participated in a number of special VA projects in Washington, DC, including the work team that advised on the requirements for evolved into the current VA school database, WEAMS, and is consulted by VA personnel nationwide on a variety of issues including flight training. He is currently participating in the project to develop training for school certifying officials as mandated by the Harry W. Colmery Veterans Educational Assistance Act of 2017. Ron is a veteran of the U.S. Army, and his two years of active duty as an artillery officer included a combat tour of Vietnam. He earned Bachelor's and Master's degrees in education at Florida State University, earning the latter while using his Vietnam Era GI Bill benefits.