



## Message from Your FASFAA President

The 2021-2022 FASFAA year is off to a great start! Our elected officials and committee chairs have been busy planning a year full of training, networking, advocacy, and professional development for our members. I am thankful to have this incredible team of volunteers serving as your FASFAA Executive Board. Please take a moment to thank them for their service to our Association.

In addition to these Executive Board members, there are several other key volunteers who are leading the way with other programs for FASFAA. Our association would be nothing without the support of our member volunteers. If you are interested in helping with a particular committee or event, please complete a [volunteer form](#) to express your interest. Our Volunteer Coordinators, Kristina Chavers and Nadine Bailey will make sure you get in touch with the right people to answer your questions or put you to work!

Thank you for all you do to support our Association and our students.

**-Katie Conrad, FASFAA President**



## 2022 FASFAA Annual Conference REGISTER NOW!

Making your way in the world today takes everything you've got, taking a break from all your worries sure would help a lot, wouldn't you like to get away? Sometimes you want to go where everybody knows your name, and they're always glad you came. Sound familiar?

On behalf of the FASFAA Conference Committee, I would like to invite you to FASFAA's Annual Conference **May 31<sup>st</sup> through June 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2022.** We are thrilled to announce this year's conference will be in person at **The Sawgrass Marriott in Ponte Vedra**, Florida!!!! The tentative agenda is posted on the conference site, and registration is now open. There will be more surprises and special guests than you can imagine! You don't want to miss this event as we will be "Back Together Again!"



[Register here!](#)

Kind Regards,  
Kristina Chavers, 2021-2022 Conference Chair

## Conference Charity

The FASFAA charity for 2021/2022 is “[Youth Crisis Center \(YCC\) of Jacksonville](#)” and their mission is “to build a healthier community by empowering young people and families to rise above adversity.”

FASFAA’s goal is to raise funds and collect needed supplies for the Youth Crisis Center (YCC) of Jacksonville.

YCC provides short term crisis care, mental health counseling, skills-based group training, and transitional living services program for children, teens, young adults, and their families.

YCC provides more than a safety net for those in need, YCC transforms lives to hundreds of youth and their families every year. YCC is non-profit servicing Baker, Clay, Duval, Nassau, and St. Johns counties.

**FASFAA’s goal this year is \$4,500!** Together we can make a difference in the lives of the Florida youth.

Help us, help those in need by donating to this charity. Please click [here](#).

For more information please visit our [Community Service](#) page





## **FASFAA and its Members Are Thankful for the *Bonnie Pirkle Memorial Scholarship!***

Created in 1998 to memorialize Bonnie L. Pirkle who gave immensely to the financial aid community during her year years of service. From 1998 to 2016, the FASFAA President has awarded an annual scholarship to a student in their institution.

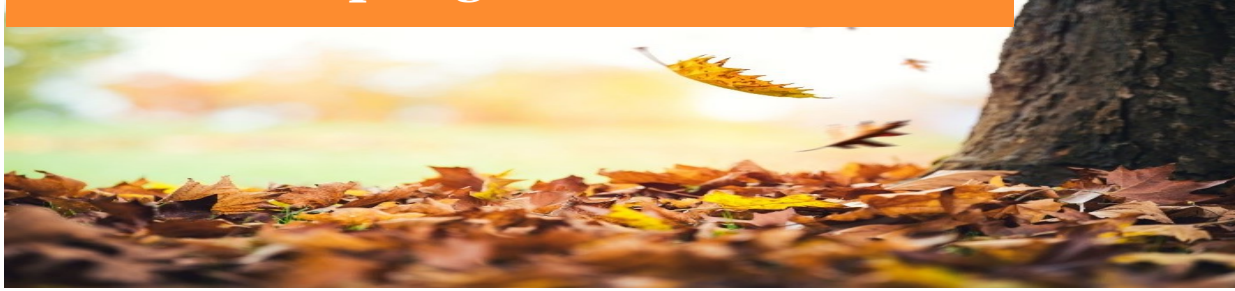
Funds are collected throughout the FASFAA organization by donations and then added to our endowment account to maintain equity in the program.

In 2017, the FASFAA Executive Board agreed to expand the service of this scholarship to further assist students in our state.

In addition to the President's Award, 9 scholarships will be awarded to students at schools represented by elected officers.

Click [\*\*HERE\*\*](#) to Donate! Donations are tax deductible!

## Welcome to Spring FASFAA Members!

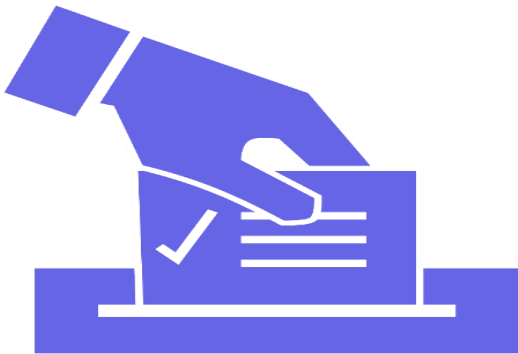


We hope this busy season has you all doing well and managing the many challenges that come our way. The Executive Board and other committees are in full planning mode to ensure we have a successful year for our members as we try to get “Back Together Again!”

Make sure you have signed up for the FASFAA email listserv so you don’t miss any important training announcements, etc.

The following positions will be on the ballot for the 21-22 election that will conclude at our annual conference:

- ☑ [President-Elect](#)
- ☑ [VP of Training](#)
- ☑ [Treasurer-Elect](#)
- ☑ [Region Representatives for Regions II & IV](#)



You can find more detailed requirements for each position on our site – [www.fasfaa.org](http://www.fasfaa.org). These positions require a two-year commitment (except President-Elect). You can also contact the persons that currently occupy that position to give you more insight as to what is required.

The best way to help FASFAA succeed is to volunteer – get involved in any way you can, the reward is invaluable!

***That’s what I love to do for FASFAA.***

***Nadine Bailey, President-Elect***

# FASFAA Annual Awards

**Submit Nominations to President Conrad at [kconrad@fiu.edu](mailto:kconrad@fiu.edu) by April 8, 2022!**



## **Honorary Lifetime Membership**

To receive an Honorary Lifetime Membership, an individual must be nominated by a member, and approved by the Executive Board. The individual so honored shall receive recognition in the form of a suitable plaque, to be presented (in absentia, if necessary) at the Annual Conference. Full benefits of membership shall be extended and the payment of dues waived. Persons selected must meet the following criteria:

1. The person must have served in an educational institution financial aid position and/or in a financial aid agency for a combined period of no less than 10 years and have been a FASFAA Member for no less than 10 years
2. The person must have assumed a leadership role in FASFAA
3. The person must be retired from service in the financial aid profession or retiring from service in the profession within the current or next fiscal year of the association

## **Lifetime Service Recognition Award**

This award is intended to recognize long-time members of the Association who are now retiring from service but do not qualify for an Honorary Life Membership Award. To receive a Lifetime Service Recognition Award, an individual must be nominated by a member and approved by the Executive Board. The individual so honored shall receive recognition in the form of a suitable plaque, to be presented (in absentia, if necessary) at the Annual Conference. Persons selected must meet the following criteria:

1. The person must have served in a financial aid related position in Florida for a period of no less than 10 years and have been a FASFAA member no less than seven years
2. The person must be retired from service in the financial aid profession or retiring from service in the profession within the current or next fiscal year of the association

# FASFAA Annual Awards

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## **Distinguished Service Award**

To receive a Distinguished Service Award, an individual or organization must be nominated by a member, and approved by the Executive Board. The individual so honored shall receive a plaque to be presented at the Annual Conference. A person so honored shall meet the following criteria:

1. It shall be determined that the person has made a significant contribution to the aid community at the national, regional or state level

## **Certificate of Appreciation**

Upon nomination by a member and approval of the Executive Board, an individual or organization may receive the Certificate of Appreciation for a one-time service to the financial aid community. This service usually would have been performed at the state level, but there might be circumstances that would justify an award to an individual working at the regional or national levels. This award may also be conferred to recognize an individual who has left the financial aid profession in the State of Florida and has not retired.

## **Ollicia Anderson Achievement Award**

This award is for new financial aid administrators with three or fewer years of experience who are on track for a bright career in the profession. This award will also carry a scholarship to help offset costs for the SASFAA New Aid Officer Workshop or the FASFAA Annual Conference or New Aid Office Workshop.

**The nomination form for this award can be found [here](#).**



# FASFAA Notice

## Annual Membership Dues

What is most important to you when considering your career development in Financial Aid here in Florida?

For many of us it is knowing there is a state association available throughout the year providing the highest quality training, networking opportunities, legislative updates, and Financial Aid news. Of course, you know that organization is FASFAA!

Did you know that a FASFAA membership is also the best deal in the country? You are currently getting an extraordinary package of benefits for just \$0.08 per day or \$30 per year! You would pay double this amount in other state associations. Here are the benefits that come with your FASFAA membership:

- *Leadership development opportunities through our LEAP program and executive board*
- *Unlimited access to the FASFAA website including the Membership Directory*
- *Networking opportunities*
- *Workshops and conferences offered at a reasonable cost*
- *Webinars offered at no cost to members*
- *Archived recordings of all FASFAA trainings*
- *Access to the association's newsletters*
- *Professional development that helps you grow within and outside your current position*
- *Opportunities to lend your own expertise and experience to the membership*
- *Development of your interpersonal skills by being a presenter/trainer at FASFAA*
- *State specific legislative and regulatory guidance*
- *Opportunity to advocate for financial aid with state officials*
- *Free posting of job vacancy announcements on our Job Board*
- *Resources and connections with other schools, business partners, state agencies and non-profit agencies committed to the financial aid profession*

Our dues have remained the same since the early 2000's. To continue offering best-in-class benefits, and prepare our members for future trends, the Executive Board is proposing a \$5 increase in the annual membership dues that would go into effect during the 2023-2024 year.

This increase will help to:

- *Provide more robust, comprehensive trainings and workshops*
- *Help offset the costs of online programming events*
- *Assist in providing more flexibility in training opportunities (virtual and in person)*

In accordance with our Association Bylaws, the increase must be approved by the membership. Your membership is valuable and the Executive Board appreciates your participation.

Please watch your email for the official announcement.



# Greetings from Your Region Representatives

Your dedicated FASFAA regional representatives are pleased to bring you training opportunities throughout the year!

Registration details are on the FASFAA Region News webpage and also shared with the membership via email.

As always, feel free to reach out to your Region Representative to express your thoughts and interests, or to simply say hello 😊.

Sincerely,

Your Region Representatives

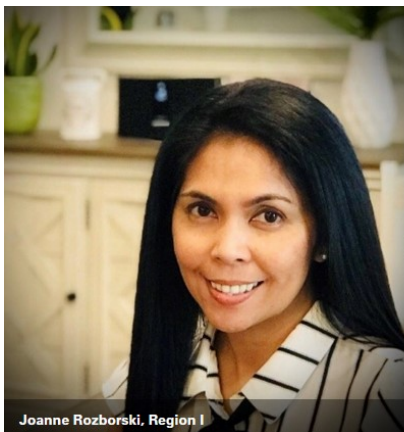
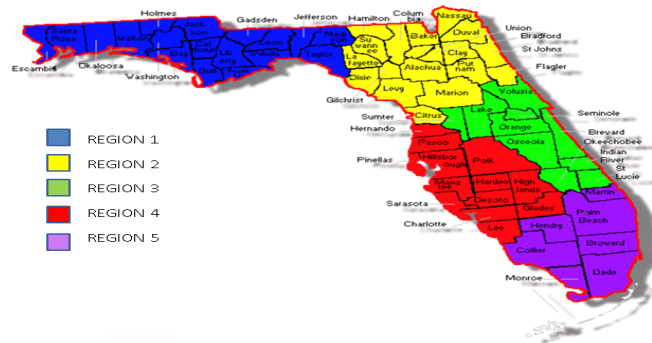
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Region 2: Chas Hammond, UF

Region 3: Angelica Parrales, VC

Region 4: Kimberly Gloster, FGCU

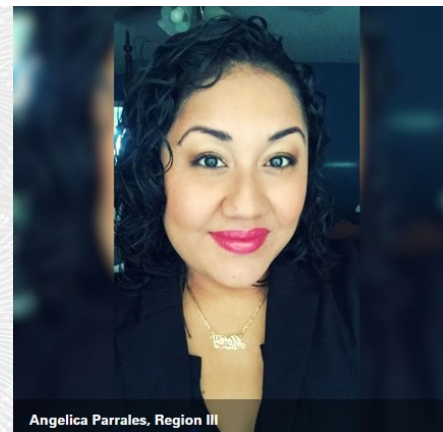
Region 5: Marissa Miles, FIU



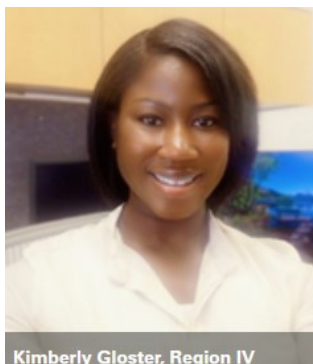
Joanne Rozborski, Region I



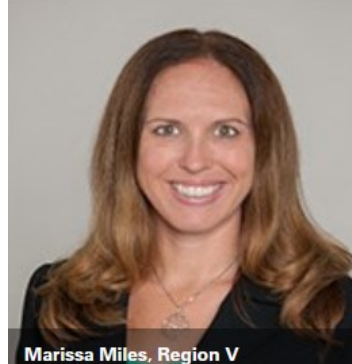
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