

**Louisiana Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators**



**2019 Spring Conference**

March 14<sup>th</sup> – LASFAA Spring Conference

**Louisiana State University at Eunice  
Acadian Center Conference Rooms**

“There is only one proof of ability-action”

Marie Ebner-Eschenbach

Dear LASFAA Members,

Welcome to the 2019 LASFAA Spring conference at Louisiana State University, Eunice. I hope you enjoy all of the sessions.

I would like to thank Katraya Williams (2018-2019 LASFAA Past President), Lauren Jackson (LASFAA Past President), Lynette Viskozi (LASFAA Treasurer), and Jessica Ott (2019-2019 LASFAA First Vice President) for your faith, trust and guidance in my role as LASFAA President.

Over the next year, I encourage you to take on leadership, advocacy and volunteer roles at your college, in the financial aid community, and within the LASFAA organization. Lead with a purpose. Advocate on behalf of your students and staff. Volunteer to grow professionally and personally. Step up to the plate in times of adversity. Make connections with your peers. Make an impact by using the information you learn today.

Please mark your calendars for LASFAA 2019 Fall Conference at the Crown Plaza in Baton Rouge, October 16-18, 2019. Agenda and registration will be available in July to allow schools to plan their travel as early as possible.

I sincerely thank you for allowing me to serve as your 2019 LASFAA President. This experience has been rewarding and I look forward to serve you for years to come!

Ready, Set, Go!

*Amy Cable*

LASFAA President

# Spring 2019 Conference Agenda

**8:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m. Registration**

**9:00 a.m. - 9:15 a.m. Welcome**

**9:15 a.m. - 10:15 a.m. Preparing Middle School Students for College and Helping Them Understand Financial Aid**

This session will provide ways to begin teaching students about financial aid and preparing them for college.

*Speaker – Brittani Williams, LOSFA*

**10:15 a.m. - 11:15 a.m. Verification Update**

This session will provide an update on verification for 19-20.

*Speaker – Melinda Kemper, Central Louisiana Technical and Community College*

**11:15 a.m. – 11:45 a.m. Business Meeting**

**11:45 a.m. – 12:45 p.m. Lunch**

**12:45 p.m. – 1:45 p.m. How are you Fraud-Proofing?**

This panel discussion will highlight examples of fraud and suspicious activity, process notification to OIG and best practices on how to mitigate fraud.

*Speaker – Michelle Greco, Delgado Community College*

*Speaker- Vickie Temple, Bossier Parish Community College*

**1:45 p.m. – 2:45 p.m. Mental Health and Our Students**

In the financial aid office, we see so many students who are dealing with different stressors. This session will highlight mental health issues are students may be facing, signs to look for and how to help them.

*Speaker – Tara Charpentier, Louisiana State University, Eunice*

**2:45 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. Break**

**3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.**

**Showing Up for Your Students: Creating Access and Building Relationships Between Students and FA Office**

This session will provide an overview of how we can help students connect with the financial aid office, how to make connections with other campus departments and removing the physical barriers for students.

*Speaker- Allison Deering, SOWELA*

**4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.**

**Roundtable Discussion**