

From the KASFAA President



Welcome to the late winter edition of the *Oz-Sociated Press*. I'll get right to my first pitch for this addition. Please volunteer! Just go to this link <http://www.kasfaa.org/docs/forms/VolunteerForm.pdf> and do it.

You have my assurance on two things:

- We will not ask you to serve on more than one committee, and
- We will keep you informed about the important things your committee does for KASFAA

As part of our transition for next year, committee chairs and co-chairs will meet at our Spring Conference to pass on a notebook with timelines and procedures. We want to get back to doing a better job of many things: being inclusive, getting new ideas, and making you feel good about serving KASFAA, and understanding just what it is that you do as a committee member.

My next pitch is to ask you to attend the Spring Conference, April 5-7. The Conference and Planning Committee has truly tried to make this a "Walk in the Park" with interest sessions for new and seasoned financial professionals, an update on the budget deficit act, a little free time to share some fun and idea exchange with your colleagues, and our annual scholarship auction (please bring auction items and plenty of scholarship dollars.). One more plug for volunteering – help this committee with the fall 2006 and spring 2007 conferences. We always like fresh ideas.

I will attend the RMAFAA board meeting in Denver March 20-21. It is my pleasure to represent our great Kansas organization.

Here is my final pitch. Nominate, nominate, nominate. When the time rolls around next year, nominate someone for an award. We have plenty of heard working KASFAA members, so honor them with a nomination. Nominate someone for an officer position. Guess what, you can even nominate yourself. Just let Anthony Lyons know that you are interested or you know someone he should ask. If you've run before and were not the successful candidate, agree to run again. Ok, one more plug – volunteer to serve.

Happy spring to all, see you in Overland Park and remember, we do not get "do-overs", so live life with joy all along the way.

Elaine Henrie

KASFAA Mourns

KASFAA members mourn the loss of Chris Martindale, our colleague from Kansas State University at Salina, who celebrated 15 years as a KASFAA member last year. Chris passed away on February 28, 2006 after a long illness. She was 55.

An article by Chris, along with a photo, appeared in the [Spring 2003 Oz-Sociated Press](#). This article showcases the type of person that Chris was. She loved serving students and families. Chris most recently served as chair of the Training Committee in 2003. We will miss her.

College Goal Sunday Success

Well, our eighth annual College Goal Sunday, held on February 12, 2006 is now history. Numbers were good. 1,880 attendees, 867 students, over 220 volunteers, 40 \$500.00 scholarships given, 20 great sites and weather that cooperated. What an awesome combination! We should all be very proud. Not to say that we don't still have work to do, but this is an accomplishment to be proud of.

We would be unable to continue with College Goal Sunday if it were not for the dedication and hard work of our volunteers and site coordinators. Whether it be; making deliveries to high school counselors, arranging for sites, calling local newspapers and radio stations to get the word out, doing interviews, helping for those two hours on that Sunday, they are there.

I would like to say the work is done for 2006, but there are reports to be done and 2007 funding to be thought about. The work will go on and next year we will help another group of students and parents prepare for their college adventure. We hope that you are a part of it.

Cheryl J. Bellinger
2006 KASFAA College Goal Sunday Chair

KASFAA Board Meets at Washburn



The KASFAA Board of Directors met at Washburn University on March 2, 2006. Minutes will be provided at the April conference in Overland Park.

In attendance at the meeting were (starting at the right side of the photo, moving counter-clockwise) Elaine Henrie, President; Anthony Lyons, Past President; Michele Pursel, Publicity & Awareness; Valerie Walthall, Associate Member Representative-at-Large, Brent Carpenter, Awards; Kelly Hoggatt, Finance and Audit; Ben Kohl, Electronic Resources; Mandy Peterson, Treasurer; Cheryl Bellinger, College Goal Sunday; Gail Palmer, Conference Planning Co-Chair. Not pictured, but in attendance were Debbie Brewer, secretary (you can see the computer where she was seated at the far end of the table) and Chris Johnson (taking the photo).

Across the State

Wichita State University

I would like to announce some staff changes at WSU. We have three new staff members in our office since January 2006. They are:

Joe Donlay, Assistant Director, joined our staff in January. Joe was formerly in the Financial Aid Office at Southwestern College.

Tammy Noragon, Administrative Specialist in our Systems Area, joined our staff in February, as did Adrienne Harris, Administrative Assistant for Customer Service.

We are happy to have them all as part of our team!

We also said good-bye to Kathy Camden, former Loan Counselor at WSU, who left our office on February 24 to assume the position that Joe Donlay formerly held at Southwestern. We wish Kathy well in her new position.

We currently have two vacancies for financial aid counselors. Both positions will be posted in mid-March. They include the Loan Counselor position formerly held by Kathy, and we are going to have an opening June 5, 2006 when Randi Brunansky, our Financial Aid Counselor who works closely with scholarships resigns to stay at home with their first child which is due in July. Congratulations to Randi and her husband Rob! *Reported by Deb Byers*

Southwestern College

Kathy Camden began her new position at Southwestern College in late February. She replaces Joe Donlay who accepted a new position in the financial aid office at Wichita State University. *Reported by Brenda Hicks*

Kansas State University



Tanya McGee is the proud mother of Jaden Grace McGee born October 18, 2005 at 10:31 a.m. She weighed 10 pounds 1 ounce and was 21 inches long. She's 4 months already and weighs 15 pounds 15 ½ ounces and is 26 inches long. *Reported by Ben Kohl and Tanya McGee*

Capitol Federal Savings

Wendy Tangney reports that her daughter, Carsyn, will be 3 next month (going on 13) and has mastered all the words to Baa Baa Black Sheep, and likes to sing it....loudly.

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Barbara Stapleton reports the birth of a daughter, Corinne Elizabeth, born Jan 18, 2006 at 8:33 am. Corinne weighed 6 lbs 12 oz and was 20 inches long at birth. Corinne's father is Michael and big brother is Connor.

Kansas Board of Regents

Just in from Kaye Stewart - The Board of Regents is having a grandchild explosion! Lina Ossiander am the proud Grandma of grandchild #2 - Brooke Abigail, her parents are Collin & Pam Ossiander. She weighed 7 lbs 14 oz and was 20 1/2 inches long at birth. Don Wimpelberg is the proud Grandpa of grandchild #5 Rebecca Anne, born to his daughter Judi on February 7 in Virginia. She weighed in at 6 lbs 14 oz and was 18.5 inches long.

Kaye Adds - In fact, I'm becoming a great-grandma! It's almost unbelievable. I can't even qualify as a senior citizen, but yet I will be a great grandma!!! My granddaughter is expecting Jacob Cooper Garretson on March 19th. I also have two other granddaughters. *Additional information provided by Don Wimpelberg and Lina Ossiander*

Butler Community College

Tiffani Price has given birth to a Baby Boy! Tanner James Price was born on Feb 17th, 2006 at 6:08 am. He is 19 inches long and 6 lbs 8 oz. Mother and Baby are doing fine. Tiffani is a Financial Aid Counselor at Butler Community College. *Reported by Diana VanDyke*

Volunteer to Serve KASFAA

It's the time of year to once again solicit volunteers for KASFAA committees. Here are some short descriptions of the committees. Please consider serving. Your state organization needs you.

Associate Members:

Supports and promotes good will between the Association and the Associate Members. Assists with events that the KASFAA Conference Planning committee organizes.

Awards:

Provides length of service awards and Retirement Recognition Awards. Obtains nominations for the Outstanding Service Award, the Hall of Fame Award and the Meritorious Achievement Award.

College Goal Sunday:

Assists under-represented, disadvantaged and first generation college students in completing the FASFA by offering personal contact with financial aid professionals.

Conference Planning:

Provides conference management through selection of the hotel site and coordination of all on-site functions. Coordinates conference registration, entertainment, decorations, programs, speakers, neophyte training and evaluations of all functions.

Corporate Development:

Solicits vendor/sponsor support from all associate members and records all commitments for recognition.

Electronic Resources:

Maintains flow of information to KASFAA membership at large, including use of new and existing technological resources. Creates all website pages and links.

Fiscal Officers:

Provides information to the membership at large in regard to the fiscal responsibilities of the financial aid process.

Membership:

Maintains accurate records of membership, ensuring that other committees are supported in their activities and communications with member institutions and agencies.

Newsletter:

Publishes four newsletters per year on the KASFAA website. Information includes Officer and Committee reports, training times, conference dates, guarantor updates and federal regulation updates/changes as well as member news.

Publicity and Awareness:

Purpose is to keep students informed of financial aid issues throughout the year. Promotes early awareness of financial aid to school-aged children and their parents while emphasizing creativity in students, promoting higher education as a means of achieving success, and highlighting the importance of saving, planning and utilizing financial aid to obtain this end.

Training:

Provides training and guidance such as neophyte training, decentralized federal training, high school counselor training and support staff training to individuals within Kansas who will have an impact on helping students successfully complete their degrees.

Welcome Project:

Welcomes new employees of member institutions. Sends cards to existing members for condolences, congratulations, etc. On a quarterly basis, confirms information on new hires, engagements, births, and weddings and provides the information to the Newsletter Committee.

(Editor's Note: Volunteer information on the Mentor Committee and the Finance and Audit Committee was not available at press time).