

Neophyte (in order of appearance)

Join financial aid guru Jeanne Mott, 2010 Summer Institute Instructor Tony Tanking and 2010 Summer Institute attendee Amber Maneth for four different sessions focused around financial aid “basics.”

Verification Basics

Do these questions sound familiar? Family farm or business farm....what’s the difference? Can I include in the number in college Johnny’s sixteen-year-old sister who is taking courses at the local community college? Johnny did not earn enough to file a tax return, so do we have to report anything for him on the FAFSA? We already reported all of this on the FAFSA, so why do we have to give you our information again? Reviewing FAFSA data is not only required, but frequently can increase a student’s aid eligibility. Let’s review the requirements and discuss how to resolve conflicting information.

Pell Grant Basics

This federal grant program has always been a four-letter word; however, it now can increase to eight letters in one year. Forget the terms “header” and “trailer.” Start thinking about determining “hours attributable” instead. It is a new world, and we are all in it together.

Packaging Basics

In addition to following federal regulations when awarding aid, institutional enrollment goals frequently influence institutional packaging philosophies. This interactive session will help you visualize how aid packages for the same student can be perceived by a variety of audiences (the student, the parents, the comptroller, the faculty).

Professional Judgment Basics

The FAFSA captures family data at one point in time. This data may not realistically reflect a family’s real ability to support educational expenses. Federal regulations provide aid administrators with authority to review circumstances that warrant special review. There are no right or wrong answers to most situations, so let’s brainstorm. What would YOU do?

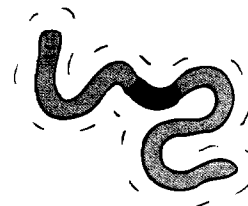
Curious Cures for a Headache (2011 Farmer’s Almanac)

Remedies from Folklore

- 1) Apply tobacco leaves to your temples.
- 2) Tie a salt herring around your throat.
- 3) Pick up a sharp knife, make a cross in the air in front of your face, and then throw the knife down.
- 4) Rub an even number of mashed earthworms into your forehead and temples.
- 5) Form fresh cow manure into a heat producing poultice and put it on your head.
- 6) Weave a match into your hair.
- 7) Gargle with mustard.
- 8) Apply cobwebs across the bridge of your nose.
- 9) Boil cottonweed in lye and smoke it.

Remedies from Folklore (that work)

1. Drink tart cherry juice.
2. Squeeze the flesh between the thumb and first finger of either hand for 30 seconds. Repeat two or three times
3. Soak your feet in hot water for 15 minutes, or until the water gets lukewarm. Put on warm, cotton socks and lie down for 15 minutes.



Neophyte**Amber Maneth, Director of Financial Aid, Bethany College**

Amber Maneth is the Director of Financial Aid at Bethany College. She is a Kansas native who began her career in higher education in admissions. After a few years of being a road warrior, she decided it was time to make a change. She moved to financial aid and has been in her current position just over one year. Amber was a KASFAA Summer Institute Scholarship recipient for 2010.

Jeanne Mott, Director of Financial Aid, Baker University

Jeanne has been the Director of Financial Aid at Baker University for 22 years. Her education background and avid interest in developing creative ways to teach federal regulations were nurtured by her participation in RMAFSA Summer Institute, first as a CORE instructor and then later as the Chair for the SI Committee. She is a past KASFAA president and treasurer, past treasurer for RMAFSA, and has presented on a variety of topics at KASFAA, RMAFSA, and NASFAA conferences.

Tony Tanking, Director of Financial Aid, Benedictine College

Tony Tanking is the Director of Financial Aid at Benedictine College. He entered the wonderful world of financial aid in 2008 as a means to relax from 20 years in the high stress world of government regulation and customer dissatisfaction with the energy industry (smart move, huh?). He attended Summer Institute in 2008 as a student. Prior to becoming a Summer Institute CORE Faculty member in 2010, he was co-chair of the philanthropic event at the 2009 RMAFSA Conference in Overland Park, which was extremely successful for Children's Mercy Hospital. His greatest joys from his job are seeing the "light bulbs come on" for a student/family who are encountering college for the first time, as well as the heart-felt "Thank You" from the parent who did not think the student's college choice was possible. He loves to laugh and usually has a smile on his face, because who wants to be around an old grouch anyway?

**Sky Watch**

A two-ring circus. In the evening sky after sunset, Jupiter has retrograded to the Aquarius-Pisces border, still brilliant and dominant in the south most of the night yet forever so slightly to magnitude – 2.6. The Moon passes Jupiter on the 16th. In the predawn arena, Saturn and especially Venus speedily return, with Venus rivetingly brilliant as it explosively brightens from magnitude – 4.1 to -4.9. At midmonth, 40 minutes before sunrise, UFO-like Venus stands 15 degrees high, with Virgo's blue star Spica just above it and Saturn higher still. While the Ringed World barely exceeds Spica's so-so magnitude 1 brightness, Venus is many times more brilliant than the other two.