

PacFAA Spring 2016 Conference Agenda

Special Session	Time	Pre-Conference Session
Sunday, March 13	9:00 – 3:00 pm	Verification Training for Pacific Islanders (Gardenia)

Day 1	Time	1 st Choice	2 nd Choice	3 rd Choice
Monday, March 14	8:00 - 9:30 am	Registration/Continental Breakfast/Welcome/WASFAA Update (Garden Lanai)		
	9:30 – 10:45 am	(1) Recruitment & Outreach Efforts (Carnation)	(2) R2T4 (Plumeria)	(3) 2016-17 Verification (Pakalana/ Anthurium)
	10:45 – 11:00 am	Transition Break		
	11:00 – 12:15 pm	(4) Professional Judgment (Carnation)	(5) Title IV Compliance Title IX, VAWA, Clery, Oh My! (Plumeria)	(6) Current Issues in Student Retention (Pakalana/ Anthurium)
	12:15 – 2:00 pm	Lunch Buffet / Getting to Know Our Membership (Panel) (Garden Lanai)		
	2:00 – 3:15 pm	(7) Putting your Financial Aid Leadership to Work (Carnation)	(8) VA Eligibility & Funding (Plumeria)	(9) Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP) (Pakalana/ Anthurium)
	3:15 – 3:30 pm	Transition Break		
	3:30 – 5:00 pm	(10) Creating a Training Program (Carnation)	(11) Using “Big Data” to prevent loan Delinquency and Default (Plumeria)	(12) Preparing for Program Review (Pakalana/ Anthurium)

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Day 2	Time	1 st Choice	2 nd Choice	3 rd Choice
Tuesday, March 15	8:00 - 9:15 am	Buffet Breakfast/NASFAA Update (Garden Lanai)		
	9:15 – 10:30 am	(13) Prior, Prior Year (PPY) Listening Session (Carnation)	(14) FAFSA Application (Plumeria)	(15) Administering Title IV Aid for Transfer Students (Pakalana/ Anthurium)
	10:30 – 10:45 am	Transition Break		
	10:45 – 12:00 pm	(16) Year in the life of a Financial Aid Director (Community, Private, Public Institutions) (Carnation)	(17) Successful Strategies for Implementing a Financial Literacy Program (Plumeria)	(18) 2016-17 Verification (Pakalana/ Anthurium)
	12:00 – 2:00 pm	Lunch Buffet & PacFAA Business Meeting (Garden Lanai)		
	2:00 – 3:30 pm	Federal Update (Garden Lanai)		

Session Descriptions

Topic	Session Title, Description and Speakers
Pre-Conference Session	Verification Training for Pacific Islanders Speakers: Frank Green, Travel Institute of the Pacific / Gros Bonnet Culinary Arts; Shawn Domingo, Chaminade University
1	Recruitment & Outreach Efforts Speakers: Gus Cobb-Adams, Windward Community College <i>Financial Aid awareness and preparedness has quickly become an integral part of being "College & Career" ready. Evolving far beyond just assisting students and parents to complete the FAFSA, Financial Aid Outreach now strives to help students build a diverse financial aid package from a myriad of different sources. Whether your target demographic is high school students, parents, first year freshmen, adult learners or continuing college students, learn helpful strategies to engage each population respectively and tailor your message appropriately. This presentation will stress the importance of collaboration and accessing resources in the community to build systemic change.</i> <i>"It's all about the students," as the incomparable DJ Gusty Gus AKA Gus Cobb-Adams, Windward Community College Recruitment & Outreach, drops some knowledge and brings the student perspective to life in a blazing hot presentation that will challenge you to think differently.</i>
2	Return to Title IV (R2T4) Speakers: Ashley Munro, University of Alaska Fairbanks <i>The Why, When, and How of processing Return to Title IV funds. We'll review the regulatory requirements of returning unearned financial aid, run through a case study calculation, and discuss how your office handles the process of returning aid and notifying the student. Bring a pencil, calculator and your stories!</i>
3	2016-17 Verification Speaker: Bruce Honer, US Department of Education <i>This session will highlight the changes to the verification process for the 2016-17 award year. This session will include an overview of regulatory changes, documentation requirements, as well as verification reminders to ensure accurate processing.</i>
4	Professional Judgement Speakers: Kay Soltis, Pacific Lutheran University <i>Let's talk PJ and no we are not talking about pajamas; we are talking about Professional Judgment! What is PJ and why do some schools do it and some don't. We will also look at some case studies to help understand the authority of PJ and how to apply it.</i>
5	Title IV Compliance: Title IX, VAWA, Clery, Oh My! Speaker: Beverly Baligad, University of Hawai'i West Oahu <i>Everywhere you go, sexual assault on campuses, OCR reviews and changes to Clery have become hot topics within higher ED over the last several years. While compliance requirements have grown, federal dollars to support those requirements have not. If an institution has any hope of continuing to receive federal financial dollars, they must comply with many federal regulations. How do these popular federal regulations intersect with each other and Title IV in general? What is your institution doing to make sure it is in compliance with these federal regulations?</i> <i>Come learn about Title IX, VAWA/Campus SaVE and the Clery Act and the complexities of those intersections."</i>
6	Current Issues in Student Retention Speaker: George Covino, USA Funds <i>Institutional effectiveness continues to be a major issue in higher education. Pressure to increase graduation rates from federal and state governments as well as increased transparency regarding outcomes are all causing colleges and universities to search for effective solutions for retaining and graduating students. This session will explore some of the factors related to student retention and successful strategies that are helping institutions drive up retention and ultimately graduation rates. Participants will also have the opportunity to provide input on what would be most helpful in addressing student retention.</i>

General Session	<p style="text-align: center;">Getting to Know our Membership Speaker: Panel (Membership)</p> <p><i>A Look into the Financial Aid Administrator and why we love what we do. What's Keeps us coming to work every day and deal with the strenuous amount of information we have to process on a daily basis. Challenges we have on a day-to-day basis both in and outside of the work environment. How do we manage those challenges and how can our organization provide assistance to us.</i></p>
7	<p style="text-align: center;">Putting your Financial Aid Leadership to Work Speaker: Daniel Mann, University of Illinois</p> <p><i>Each of us has something to contribute! Learn more about our state, regional and national financial aid associations and how your participation benefits you and your institution. Explore ways to get involved and to build your management and leadership skills! Tips for professional growth and development will be shared as well as ideas on how you can have a more successful financial aid career</i></p>
8	<p style="text-align: center;">VA Eligibility & Funding Speaker: Ashley Munro, University of Alaska Fairbanks</p> <p><i>This session will provide an overview of the various VA Educational programs, including the requirements for funding in the different GI Bill Chapters; and how it may relate to federal financial aid eligibility.</i></p>
9	<p style="text-align: center;">Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP) Speaker: Bruce Honer, US Department of Education</p> <p><i>Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP) is a school-determined criterion for student eligibility for Title IV aid. At least once per year, institutions must assess whether students are making SAP. This session will offer instruction on how to evaluate SAP in accordance with applicable laws and regulations. It also will include an explanation of key concepts such as qualitative and quantitative assessments, pace of completion, and maximum time frame, as well as warning and probation periods, appeals, and academic plans. In addition, the session will cover the elements that a school is required to include in its SAP policy.</i></p>

10	<p style="text-align: center;">Creating a Training Program Speaker: Daniel Mann, University of Illinois</p> <p><i>A well trained financial aid staff is critical to staying and remaining in compliance. This interactive session will provide ideas on how to create a training program for your office as well as tips and best practices to help meet the training challenges of your staff.</i></p>
11	<p style="text-align: center;">Using “Big Data” to prevent loan delinquency and default Speaker: George Covino, USA Funds</p> <p><i>The key to a targeted, cost-effective default prevention program is to understand the unique characteristics of your borrowers. Explore how to use data you already have at your disposal to develop profiles of borrowers who default and those who don't. Learn how to use these profiles with customized communications campaigns to effectively deploy limited default prevention resources.</i></p>
12	<p style="text-align: center;">Preparing for Program Review Speaker: Barbara Bickett, DeVry Education Group</p> <p><i>Your heart is pounding; you've just received "the call." The US Department of Education is coming for a visit! It's better than them showing up unannounced, but now what? In this session, You'll hear from a veteran colleague about her experiences after having been through six of these in the past year. After this session, you might not dread the call anymore; well, maybe a little less.</i></p>
13	<p style="text-align: center;">Prior, Prior Year (PPY) Listening Session Speaker: Kay Soltis, Pacific Lutheran University; Daniel Mann, University of Illinois</p> <p><i>Do you have questions about the implementation of Prior Prior Year and Early FAFSA? Have any great ideas or suggestions for schools? Are you looking for some resources or tools? The NASFAA Prior Prior Year Implementation Task Force wants to hear from you. After a brief update on the goals and progress made by the task force, this will be a listening session with two members of the task force and NASFAA National Chair Dan Mann to hear what you need from NASFAA, along with your ideas and questions.</i></p>

14	<p style="text-align: center;">FAFSA Application Speaker: Shawn Domingo, Chaminade University</p> <p><i>An overview of the 2016-2017 FAFSA Application. Not sure what questions need to be answered? Are you able to answer question regarding assets, benefits and other untaxed income that needs to be reported on the application? What makes a student Independent vs. Dependent? Be sure that the information that you are giving to students and their families is accurate and listed accordingly.</i></p>
15	<p style="text-align: center;">Administering Title IV Aid for Transfer Students Speakers: Bruce Honer, US Department of Education</p> <p><i>This session will address various issues that arise when administering federal student aid for transfer students. Discussions will cover transfer monitoring and will demonstrate how to correctly award and disburse both Pell Grants and Direct Loans in standard term credit-hour, clock-hour, and non-term credit hour programs. Additionally, we will provide example scenarios about what to do when a transfer student withdraws during overlapping payment periods for Pell Grants and Direct Loans.</i></p>
16	<p style="text-align: center;">Year in the Life of a Financial Aid Director Speaker: Kay Soltis, Pacific Lutheran University; Jannine Oyama, Honolulu Community College; Jennifer Bradley, Kapiolani Community College; Sherrie Padilla; University of Hawai'i Hilo</p> <p><i>Ever wonder, what does a Director of Financial Aid actually do? Come hear what life is actually like for the leadership of a Financial Aid Office. Spend an hour or so with three financial aid directors and hear all about the exciting life they lead as unsung heroes of higher education. You may decide you want to be one too!</i></p>
17	<p style="text-align: center;">Successful Strategies for Implementing a Financial Literacy Program Speaker: George Covino, USA Funds</p> <p><i>Talk Story! The Power of Stories in Financial Literacy</i> <i>Everyone has a story and from those stories lessons learned can be shared! This interactive session will invite participants to work in small groups to talk story, identify lessons learned and develop strategies to share those lessons with students and get buy-in for financial literacy activities on campus.</i></p>
18	<p style="text-align: center;">2016-17 Verification Speaker: Bruce Honer, US Department of Education</p> <p><i>This session will highlight the changes to the verification process for the 2016-17 award year. This session will include an overview of regulatory changes, documentation requirements, as well as verification reminders to ensure accurate processing.</i></p>
General Session	<p style="text-align: center;">Federal Update Speaker: Bruce Honer, US Department of Education</p> <p><i>Bruce Honer, a training officer from the Department of Education will present information about current issues for the Title IV student aid programs. The session will include updates about the Department's Title IV activities and initiatives, including information about the Department's regulatory efforts.</i></p>