

President's Highlights- July 2019

Hello WASFAA!

I hope everyone is having a wonderful summer and hopefully finding some time away from the office with family or friends. I am coming back from both the WASFAA Sister Dale Brown Summer Institute and Executive Council meeting in Spokane, Washington, and the NASFAA Conference. It has been many years since I was last in Spokane as a kid growing up on the other side of the Cascade mountains in western Washington. Spokane was spectacular—both the summer institute and the physical beauty of eastern Washington.

I have had the pleasure of traveling all over the US and many parts of the world, and I would say, the states represented by WASFAA are some of the most amazing and scenic. As someone I know says, "Best in the West." Again, congratulations to all of the members who participated in Sister Dale Brown Summer Institute and the fantastic team of WASFAA volunteers who put it on. We plan to hold next year's Summer Institute back at Gonzaga University in Spokane, Washington next June, so mark your calendars.

It was great to see many WASFAA members in Orlando for the NASFAA Conference. One of the significant insights I took away from the conference was that, despite the sometimes ugly state of affairs surrounding higher education--whether yesterday, today, or tomorrow--this group of humble financial aid administrators is willing to show up every day for our students. We show up so that they can achieve their goals—and in nearly all cases, change the direction of their and their families' lives. While we might appear grumpy at times, in all the conversations I had, we reveal ourselves to be optimists at heart.

Finally, we look forward to being out in each of the states this fall for the WASFAA Fall training series—either as individual training or in coordination with their respective state conferences. For those of you who recently became, or would like to become, director of financial aid, we will be holding the Jerry R. Sims Management Leadership Institute in Long Beach, California, from November 13-15. Check out the WASFAA website soon and keep an eye out for the emails with specific details.

Again, I would love to hear from you, so send me an email (scline@cca.edu), tweet at me on twitter, @scottcline or drop a message on the [WASFAA Facebook page](#).

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