



MASFAP December 2017 Communication

Message From Amy Hager, 2017 MASFAP President



2017 Year-In-Review

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Dear MASFAP Friends,

As I reflect on the past year, it seems surreal that I have had the honor and privilege of serving as MASFAP President in 2017. Celebrating our 50th Anniversary has made it an extra special year! This has been an amazing adventure and I will never forget this extraordinary experience.

I am thankful for the generosity of the 2017 Executive Board for sharing their time and commitment to MASFAP, and I am grateful for so many others who contributed their time and talents to the successes we had this year! We set some ambitious goals, we worked hard, and we not only tackled the goals, we also accomplished our theme of Celebrating Our Past, and Inspiring Our Future!

I honestly do not think I can say THANK YOU enough to our membership. Thank you for supporting MASFAP's Mission and Purposes. Thank you for supporting our Professional Development events, Early Awareness activities, and Legislative accomplishments. Thank you for attending the conference and celebrating our 50th Anniversary! Thank you for everything you do

to make MASFAP thrive and remain relevant.

As we wrap-up this fabulous year, we better put our sunglasses on - because our future is bright! Your 2018 President, Kerry Hallahan, and the 2018 Executive Board are ready to go! There are plenty of events already planned in 2018 and I encourage you to get involved - MASFAP needs you!

Wishing you a very Merry Christmas filled with joy and happiness during this holiday season and throughout the New Year!



MASFAP Members at FSA in Orlando

MASFAP had a great turnout to our Missouri dinner at the Federal Student Aid Conference. Special thanks to Kathy Dixon from MOHELA for organizing the event!



Congratulations Crystal Bruntz!

While in Orlando for the FSA Conference, Crystal Bruntz got engaged to Jim DeLong - on her birthday too!

Save the 2018 Dates—Professional Development

MASFAP PD:

NASFAA Credentialing
Student Eligibility/Cost of Attendance
Thursday, February 15th

NASFAA Credentialing
Direct Loans
Wednesday, March 14th

Verification Training
Tuesday, April 17th

MASFAP Town Hall
Wednesday, May 23rd

Conferences:

NASFAA
Austin, TX
June 24-27, 2018

MASFAA
Minneapolis, MN
October 14-17, 2018

MASFAP
Lake of the Ozarks, MO
November 5-7, 2018

A Message from Kerry Hallahan, Incoming President of MASFAP

I cannot believe it is almost 2018! I am incredibly honored and excited to serve as President this upcoming year. MASFAP is a charismatic association with a great deal to offer each of its members. I mentioned before that our association takes a village. I ask that each of you discern what you can offer to MASFAP whether it be through volunteering on a committee, networking at one or more of the events provided throughout the year, sharing your knowledge with others through training, conducting a session at the conference, participating in professional development opportunities, or fighting for Financial Aid.

This will be an important year for MASFAP to have a collective voice and to do all that we can to convey the importance of student aid to legislators. Thank you for completing the survey in November. It will guide the Legislative Committee and the Executive Board in creating an informational piece to be utilized for Missouri's advocacy efforts. Please

be on the lookout for moments to be a part of that collective voice as we anticipate legislative visits.

I thank you for this opportunity to serve and be a part of MASFAP's leadership. I am fully committed to working with the 2018 Executive Board to ensure the membership is provided with the support and training opportunities needed to succeed.



2018 MASFAP Board Kick-Off Meeting in December

The 2018 MASFAP Board met to collaborate on the coming year for MASFAP. The day included reviewing responsibilities and expectations, a budget and finance overview, board use of the website including reaching out to volunteers, setting goals, planning the year on the calendar and teambuilding. Attached are some pictures taken December 13 at this 1-day board retreat in Columbia.

