



MASFAP June 2022 Communication

Announcing 2023 MASFAP Election Results

MASFAP held the 2023 officer elections in June. The following MASFAP roles will begin January 1, 2023. Congratulations!



President-Elect:

Matthew Kearney

Secretary:

Marla Fernandez

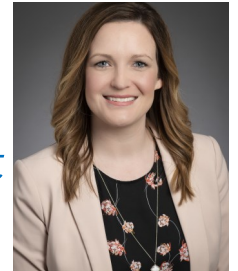


Vice President:

Val Jensen

Institutional Delegate-at-Large:

Jennifer Wright



Treasurer-Elect:

Keri Gilbert

Associate Delegate-at-Large:

Julie Finn



Upcoming Training Opportunities

June 28 – 10:00 a.m. Tune Up Tuesday (Zoom) Resilience presented by Sara Edwards, Citizens: Building Resilience Strengthen your inner resolve and ability to bounce back better than ever regardless of the circumstances

June 30 – 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. at MOHELA (555 Vandiver Drive) in Columbia – In-Person NASFAA Credential Topics: **Federal Pell Grant and Iraq and Afghanistan Grants AND Administrative Capability**

July 21 – 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. at MOHELA (555 Vandiver Drive) in Columbia – In-Person NASFAA Credential Topics: **Campus-Based Programs AND TEACH Grant**

July 26 – 10:00 a.m. MASFAP Town Hall Meeting at MOHELA (555 Vandiver Drive) in Columbia

Facilitated by President Hicks

SAVE the DATES: September 15, October 13, November 17, and December 8 for upcoming PD events



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MASFAP Annual Conference Update



Share the magic and be entertained with MASFAP this November. The groundwork has been laid to bring MASFAP another extraordinary celebration.

This year's conference, themed *The Magic in You*, is intended to empower you as a mentor and an advocate not just for your students, but for yourself. With knowledge and a little practice, you can unlock secrets to being your very best.

There has been overwhelming support for holding our conference in-person. MASFAP recognizes and respects the concerns some may have, and the Program Committee will take every precaution available to ensure a safe and enjoyable experience at the beautiful [Lodge of the Four Seasons](#).

Our charity partner will focus on positive mental health and wellbeing. In light of ***broadly gestures at everything***, the committee is excited to partner with an organization whose mission is to help students find the best in themselves and to transform lives for the better through outreach and resources.

The Program Committee's next step is to schedule conference sessions so that everyone, regardless of experience or job title, will gain something. Your input is still welcome even though sessions proposals have been received. If you know of a way to make this conference special, email your suggestions to StephenGarman@missouristate.edu.

Be on the lookout for more conference details as Summer moves along. Until then, mark off **November 7-9** on your calendar.

See you at the lake,

Stephen Garman

Vice President and Program Chair

Missouri State University

High School Counselor Workshops Dates Announced!

The Early Awareness Committee is excited to announce dates for our Fall MASFAP High School Counselor Workshops to be held throughout the state. A huge thank you to the institutions who agreed to host these workshops.

1. Kansas City- UMKC- 9/20
2. Hannibal- Hannibal LaGrange- 9/22
3. Cape Girardeau- SEMO- 9/27
4. St. Louis- Wash U- 9/28
5. Columbia- Stephens College- 10/5
6. Sedalia- State Fair Tech- 10/6
7. St. Joseph- Missouri Western- 10/7
8. Springfield- MSU- 10/12
9. Joplin- Missouri Southern State University- 10/13
10. Kirksville- Truman- 10/26
11. Rolla- MO S&T- 10/27
12. West Plains- MSU- West Plains- 11/2
13. Poplar Bluff- Three Rivers College- 11/3
14. Trenton—North Central Missouri College—TBD



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NASFAA Conference Attendees Please Read



Cassandra Hicks, MASFAP President
Director of Financial Aid, Southeast Health
College of Nursing & Health Sciences

At the end of June, many of you will be traveling to Austin for the NASFAA Conference. Austin has a tourist attraction where there are an estimated 1.5 million bats that live under one bridge. At night, when the sun sets, all of the bats fly out. It is really something to watch. What you may not be aware of is that bats carry diseases that are spread through the air. When you are outside in the city, you are breathing in those diseases. One of them is a fungal infection called histoplasmosis or also known as Darlings disease. The fungal infection gets into your lungs and then can spread to other organs such as liver, kidneys and heart. It is very difficult to diagnose. If you are immunocompromised, have weak lungs, or just want to be cautious, I would strongly recommend you wear an N95 while outside in Austin.

I wanted to share this information because it happened to me. Four years ago NASFAA was also in Austin. When I came home from that conference, I had a very hard time breathing. After three days, I went to the doctor and they found a ground-glass opacity in my lungs. Six weeks later, I had seven nodules growing on my lungs and had to have a lung biopsy. After five days in the hospital, the biopsy revealed histoplasmosis. At this point, walking to the end of my driveway was like running a marathon. I could not cook, do laundry or sweep. At one point, I was misdiagnosed and was told that I needed to make end of life arrangements. It took two years and three rounds of treatment to fully get rid of the fungal infection.

I wanted to share my story to prevent anything like this happening to anyone else.

NASFAA is a great conference, but I wish I would have known and protected myself to prevent all I have been through. Those that are going, please take precautions. Throw an extra N95 in your suitcase and protect yourself while outside in Austin.

MASFAP Newcomer Committee Needs Your Help!

The Newcomer Committee is working on an “Introduction to MASFAP” video for those new to the profession and conference members. Please go to: <https://masfap.memberclicks.net/newcomervideo#!/> to submit a less than one minute video response, a picture, or a short-written response to the prompt: What is a magical MASFAP memory you have?

Please submit videos and photos in a horizontal format for editing purposes.

Thank you in advance for your help with this project! Please contact Kari Lenz if you have questions at kjlqzm@missouri.edu.