November MASFAP Conference Recap

We hope you enjoy this recap full of pictures from our 2021 annual conference! Our 2021 MASFAP President Becca Diskin opened the conference and welcomed the membership back in-person—it was so great to be back together! Our keynote speaker Shar Smith, empowerYOU, reminded us that every setback is a set up for a comeback. We are resilient!

2019 President Samantha Matchefts was not able to physically hand off the gavel to 2020 President Dena Norris due to the pandemic. This was an overdue passing of the gavel—look at that gavel!
The MASFAP Board met on Sunday evening before the conference started on Monday. And we celebrated two Board members birthdays at the Board meeting! (Pictured left)

We had over 70 newcomers attend the conference and the Newcomer committee hosted a Newcomer breakfast with the MASFAP Board. The session was filled with lots of MASFAP history!
We had a blast going through the Game of Life—the Baby/Marriage room (no one will forget the BABY), the college and graduation room, the Career room, and the game ended with a retirement party! Great MASFAP networking!
CONFERENCE HIGHLIGHTS

Fun painting and bidding on an amazing silent auction items—MASFAP raised over $10,000 for Bags of Fun, our conference charity. Wow—awesome!
CONFERENCE HIGHLIGHTS

GREEN
Okay with pre-COVID behaviors such as hugs and high-fives

YELLOW
Deemed some caution and respects social distancing guidelines

RED
Deemed extreme social distancing and the highest precautions. May be at high risk or caring for someone at high-risk
CONFERENCE HIGHLIGHTS
2021 SERVICE AWARDS—5 YEARS

Years of Service – 5 Years

Ethan Bragg
Anne Foudree
Alyssa Dick
Timothy Gormly
Courteney Grimm
Jody Hawks
Joanna Hubbard
Jennifer Hubbs
Sara Lawrence
Linze Leimkuehler
Nathan Miller
Annette Moore
Stephanie Pappas
Anita Parks
Ashley Richardson
Colten Ross
Kaitlyn Russell
Sherri Schaefer
Lindsay Stapley
Nikola Velickovic
Lindsay Wilson

2021 SERVICE AWARDS—10 YEARS

Becky Ahrens
Beth Seabaugh
Sarah Bright
Lisa Buda
Matthew Bulicz
Liz Case
Jamie Davis
Mayra Gonzalez
Zachary Greenlee
Susan Hartnagel
Cassius Henley
Kayla Jacobs
Jacqueline Lickteig
Krissy Loenneke
Michele Logue
Wendy McGowan
Amanda McKay
Shandra Morin
Megan Morton
Candice Muuo-Kimeu
Jana Osborn
Jennifer Wright
2021 SERVICE AWARDS—15 YEARS

Years of Service – 15 Years

Delouis Booth
Kyle Cronan
Liesl Flanagan
Lisa Hearn
Jenifer Hoback
Jenny Laughlin
Carolyn Merkel
Laurel Miller
Beth Muir
Zora Mulligan
Theresa Myers
Kathy Potter
Stephanie Snyder
Leesa Taylor
Jessica Thyfault
Jeff Vincent
Leroy Wade

2021 SERVICE AWARDS—20 YEARS

Years of Service – 20 Years

Thea Abraham
Melissa Findley
Michele Franzen
Scott Giles
Charlotte Gray
Mitch Hess
Sarah Hirsch
Lucinda Jones
Marilyn Landrum
Kelli Lively
Toni Marchese
Connie Marshall
Janel Miller
Victoria Mueller
Robin Orvis
Tameka Randle
Paula Thies
2021 SERVICE AWARDS—25 YEARS

Nancy Anderson
Tony Lubbers
Michele Noah
Chester Priest
Kelli Reed
Deborah Ross-Carter
Sheryl Rowden
Sonya Thiessen
Jerry Westbrook

2021 SERVICE AWARDS—30 YEARS

Glenn Chance
Raina Chezem
Kathleen Foster
Amy Hager
Ron Hancock
Svetlana Veljkovich
2021 SERVICE AWARDS—35 YEARS

Debbie Alexander
Jerry Belcher
Maureen Kelly

2021 SERVICE AWARDS—45 YEARS

Linda Nichols
RETIREES—CONGRATULATIONS!

Thank you for your dedication to the financial aid industry and HAPPY RETIREMENT!

Raymond Bayer, Jr – Missouri Higher Education Loan Authority (36 years)
Barb Kuelker – East Central College (36 years)
Marilyn Landrum - Missouri Department of Higher Education and Workforce Development (20 years)
Sherry Pennington – Cottey College (29 years)
Lisa Wilson – Missouri Department of Higher Education and Workforce Development (20 years)
LIFETIME AWARD

Recommended by the Awards Committee and approved by the board, lifetime members are granted MASFAP membership indefinitely.

Tony Georges  
University of Missouri – St. Louis

Nancy Lynch  
Saint Louis University

Kathy Elsea  
Truman State University

Raymond H. Bayer, Jr.  
Missouri Higher Education Loan Authority
Congratulations to 2021 Missouri Award Recipient:

Dena Norris
Metropolitan Community College

The Missouri Award is MASFAP’s highest honor and recognizes an individual from Missouri who has demonstrated outstanding leadership and service throughout their financial aid career.

Dena with past Missouri Award recipients who were in attendance at the conference.
BOB BERGER NEWCOMER

Congratulations to 2021 Bob Berger Newcomer Award Recipient:

Manda Riley
University of Missouri—Columbia

PRESIDENTS AWARD

Award Recipient:

Cassandra Hicks
Southeast Missouri Hospital College of Nursing & Health Sciences
LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT GRADUATES

Great job to our 2021 Leadership Development graduates! Pictured from right to left: Amy Hager, Natalie Crawford, Krissy Loenneke, Shayla Johnson, Kristen Seabaugh, and Kari Lenz

Thank you to Amy Hager for leading this group!
COMMITTEE OF THE YEAR

Newcomer Committee
Julie Loftin, Chair

Committee members
Colleen Brown
Stephanie Broyles
Charissa Davis
Becca Diskin
Kari Lenz
Patti Mathieson
Anna Plattner
Manda Riley
Kristen Seabaugh

![Photo of committee members holding certificates]
2021 MASFAP President Becca Diskin passes the gavel to 2022 MASFAP President Cassandra Hicks. Thank you Becca for your leadership this year! Cassandra we are so excited for 2022!
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