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Champions of the Industry, Masters of Financial Aid

DECEMBER 8 - 10, 2024

WESTBROOK, CT

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8

1:00 pm - 7:00 pm	Exhibitor Setup	Royal Pre-Function
5:00 pm - 7:00 pm	Registration Open	
3:00 pm - 5:00 pm	Pre-Conference Town Hall: Strategic Planning (Katie May and Peter Terebesi)	Stannard Room
1:00 pm - 5:00 pm	NASFAA U Credential Training SAP	Executive Room
5:00 pm - 7:00 pm	Networking/New Member event brought to you by the Mentoring Committee	Royal Pre-Function Area

MONDAY, DECEMBER 9

8:00 am - 4:00 pm	Registration Open	
7:00 am - 7:45 am	Morning Yoga Session - Maureen Fagen, Director of Relationship Management and Training- <i>Sallie Mae</i>	TBD
8:00 am - 10:00 am	<p>Breakfast Buffet General Session</p> <p>Conference Welcome: David Blackmon, <i>CAPFAA President</i> How CAPFAA can help bridge the Gap: Dr. Chaka Felder-McEntire, <i>Higher Heights</i></p>	Royal Ballroom
10:00 am - 10:30 am	Vendor Break – <i>Lantern Making</i>	Royal Pre-Function
10:30 am - 11:15 am <i>Concurrent Sessions 1</i>	Leading Change – Part 1	Tayler Kreutter, Executive Director of Student Financial Services <i>Mount Holyoke College</i>
	How to Present Like a Pro	Jenn Sommerman, <i>CollegeAve</i>
	Mentoring Session	CAPFAA Mentoring Committee
11:30 am - 11:45 pm	<p>General Session</p> <p>EASFAA Update – Tayler Kreutter, <i>EASFAA President</i></p>	Royal Ballroom
12:00 pm - 12:45 pm <i>Concurrent Sessions 2</i>	Leading Change – Part 2	Tayler Kreutter, Executive Director of Student Financial Services <i>Mount Holyoke College</i>

	The Enjoyment of Student Employment	Jaron Tucker, Associate Director of Financial Aid, <i>UConn</i> & Clare Mansfield Associate Director of Student Employment, <i>Northeastern University</i>	Stannard Room
	Borrow Better: Real Advice, Real Impact	CAPFAA Graduate and Professional Concerns Committee	Executive Room
1:00 pm - 2:45 pm	General Session Luncheon Connecting the Dots Between You and Your Students: Jason Zelesky, Vice President of Student Service and Dean of Students <i>Mount Wachusett Community College</i>		Royal Ballroom
2:45 pm - 3:15 pm	Vendor Break - <i>Lantern Making</i>		Royal Pre-Function
3:15 pm – 4:30 pm	General Session Keynote Speaker: Scott A Strobel, Provost <i>Yale</i>		Royal Ballroom
4:30 pm – 5:00 pm	Break – Get ready for CAPFAA Olympics! (Best dressed wins! <i>Olympic/Sports attire competition</i>)		
5:00 pm - 6:00 pm	Cocktail Hour/Vendor Break (2 Drink Tickets per person)		Royal Pre-Function
6:00 pm	Conference Dinner CAPFAA Olympics – <i>Games, Photo Booth, DJ & Dessert</i>		Grand Ball room/ West Brook Ballroom
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 10			
8:00 am – 10:00 am	Registration Open		
8:30 am - 9:45 am	Breakfast Buffet General Session CAPFAA Business Meeting, <i>CAPFAA Executive Council</i>		Royal Ballroom
10:00 am - 10:45 am <i>Concurrent Sessions 3</i>	Hosting a Virtual Meeting/Business Etiquette	Julie Lawton, Regional Manager <i>Monogram</i> & Jeff Bentley, Vice President, Relationship Manager <i>Citizens</i>	Stannard Room
	Regulatory Ping Pong: Assessing Biden’s Initiatives and Trump’s Proposals	Nicolas Michiels, Principle, <i>Powers Pyles Sutter & Verville PC</i>	Westbrook Ballroom 3
	Demystifying 2024 – 2025 Federal Pell Grants	Ashley Benner, Assistant Director, <i>UConn</i>	Executive Room
10:45 am – 11:30 am	Vendor Break – <i>Kindness Rocks</i>		Royal Pre-Function
11:30 am - 12:15 pm <i>Concurrent Sessions 4</i>	Career Pathways	David Blackmon <i>Yale</i> & Jenn Sommerman, <i>CollegeAve</i>	Westbrook Ballroom 3
	WCSU Cares – Emergency Grant Programs	Amanda Lasicki, Assistant Director / Scholarship Coordinator <i>WCSU</i>	Stannard Room
	FAAC Exam: NASFAA’s Certified Financial Aid Administrator Program Review & Panel	Steve McDowell <i>VP of Student Financial Aid at CT State Community College</i> , Charlie Baywood <i>Functional Specialist at UConn</i>	Executive Room
11:30 am	Exhibitor Breakdown		Clipper
12:30 pm - 2:00 pm	General Session Luncheon Closing Michael Criscuolo , Associate Fiscal Administrative Officer, <i>CT Office of Higher Education</i> CT State Student Financial Aid Update/Overview/Student Loan Reimbursement Program Overview		Royal Ballroom