



Iowa Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators

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*The Quarterly IASFAA Newsletter*

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## 2024-2025 Executive Council

Thank you to everyone who ran for 2024-2025 Executive Council and congratulations to those who were elected. Elected council members will transition to their roles on July, 1st 2024.

**“Volunteers don’t get paid, not because they’re worthless, but because they’re priceless.”**

**- Sherry Anderson**

**Past President:** Matt Falduto, Kirkwood Community College

**President:** Sarah Freestone, Iowa State University

**President Elect:** Kelsey Ryder, University of Iowa

**Vice President:** Karna Hofmeyer, Northwest Iowa Community College

**Secretary:** Isaac Ehlers, Iowa State University

**Treasurer:** Ryan Zantingh, Drake University

**Treasurer Elect:** Abbie Steinberg, North Iowa Area Community College

**Third Year Delegate:** Erick Danielson, Iowa College Access Network

**Second Year Delegate:** Kylee Klommhaus, Southwestern Community College

**First Year Delegate:** Tim Bakula, University of Northern Iowa

# Spring 2024 Conference

**April 17th - 19th 2024**  
**West Des Moines**  
**Marriott**

[Registration](#) is now open!  
Registration closes on  
Wednesday, April 10th 2024

Hotel Reservations can be made  
[here](#) or by calling 1 (866) 202-  
9771 or (515) 267-1500 and  
mentioning IASFAA. Room block  
closes on Tuesday, March 26,  
2024



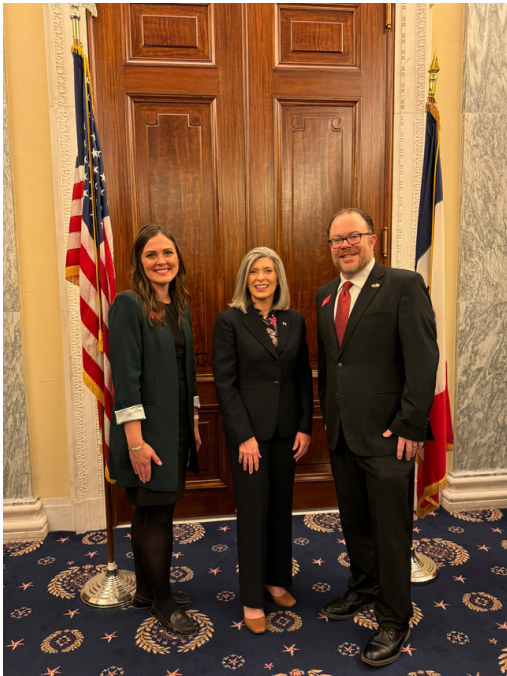
This year, IASFAA will fundraise for Al Exito during the conference. Al Exito is a statewide non-profit that supports Latinx families in

education advancements and leadership development. More information about Al Exito can be found on their website, <https://www.alexitoiowa.org/>.

Help raise funds for Al Exito by participating in the Beverage and Snack Pull! Bring a wrapped beverage or snack to donate. Then purchase a chance to pick blindly from the wide selection of favorites to bring home or to share with colleagues throughout the conference.

# NASFAA Leadership Conference

Sarah Freestone, IASFAA President-Elect, and Chad Olson, both of Iowa State University, and Sultan Karim, Kirkwood Community College, recently attended the NASFAA Leadership Conference in Washington DC, February 5-7. They participated in many different sessions on Monday and Tuesday, and concluded their experience by visiting Capital Hill to advocate for student aid with our federal delegation. Many other IASFAA members supported the event by exhibiting at the conference.





# IASFAA Day at the Capitol

On February 28th, IASFAA members met with state representatives at the Capitol to discuss financial aid issues. Katrina Callahan from CCforIowa gave a presentation prior to going over to the capitol to inform members on how to contact legislatures and the bills they were working on, as well as a tour of the Capitol. Members were able to pick up the FAFSA Awareness Month proclamation that was submitted by IASFAA for the month of February.



Back: Taylor Beyal, University of Iowa, Renae Armentrout, Coe College, Pam Perry, Cornell College, Erick Danielson, Iowa College Access Network

Middle: Tatiana Ochoa, University of Iowa, Krystal Crandall, Iowa Central Community College

Front: Andrew Brimeyer, University of Iowa, Brandi Miller, Drake University, Sheila Goodwin, Drake University, Sarah Freestone, Iowa State University

# Member Updates

Dear IASFAA Friends,  
I wanted to take this opportunity to thank you all for your incredible generosity. Thanks to all of you, I was able to watch — live and in person — the Buffalo Bills take on the Kansas City Chiefs at Arrowhead Stadium back in December. It was a bucket list experience that I would not have allowed myself if it weren't for you all pitching in to make it happen. Shelly and I had an amazing weekend in a fancy hotel with the Bills actually beating the Chiefs! Granted, the exhilaration of that win was fleeting, but we both savored it at the time. 😊 Please know that I have been overwhelmed by the kindness and incredible support Shelly and I have received since my cancer diagnosis.



I also wanted to make sure you knew that I consider myself blessed to have worked with all of you. You have given me so many great memories, both during my visits on your campuses and at our conferences. Although my life may be cut short sooner than I'd like it to, it is because of all of you that I feel I have had enough great memories to fill two lifetimes. I have struggled to find the right words to express the love and gratitude I have for all of you, but please know that you have truly helped to make my life full.

Thank you all for your incredible generosity and for the wonderful times we've shared.

Take care of yourselves and each other.  
Gary



# Member Updates



Former NICC Financial Aid Administrators recently met for breakfast. From left to right, **Carol**, sister of former IASFAA President, **AnnaMae Remmend**, **John Carver**, former director of Financial Aid at NICC, **Amy Gaffney**, **Norma Bullerman**, and **Norma Freidhoff**

**Brandi Miller**, assistant director of new student programs at Drake University has earned the designation of FAAC®. She joins the ranks of an elite group of close to 500 other financial aid professionals who earned the FAAC designation after successfully passing a comprehensive knowledge exam and affirming commitment to the standards of ethical behavior that have long been a hallmark of the financial aid profession. She is now 1 of 10 individuals in our state with this designation.



# Member Updates

On November 25, 2023, **Revae Nelson**, Senior Associate Director of Financial Aid at Grinnell College, was married to Alex Shults.



**Kylee Klommhaus**, Director of Financial Aid at Southwestern Community College, and her fiancé welcomed Myles Konner Reed on January 24th. He was 8lbs 12oz and 19.5 inches long. Both mom and Myles are doing great!

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