

Navigating Financial Aid with LASFAA



Fall Conference
November 5th - 7th, 2024

56th Annual LASFAA Conference

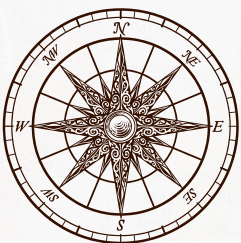
Fall 2024

Hilton Baton Rouge Capitol Center
Baton Rouge, LA

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Dr. Kristine Strickland
Chancellor
Fletcher Technical Community College
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A Message from the President



Greetings Colleagues and Partners,

With a warm heart, I welcome you to our 56th Annual LASFAA Fall Conference! As we gather here, we come together not only as financial aid professionals dedicated to supporting our students and college campuses but also as a community passionate about making higher education accessible for all.

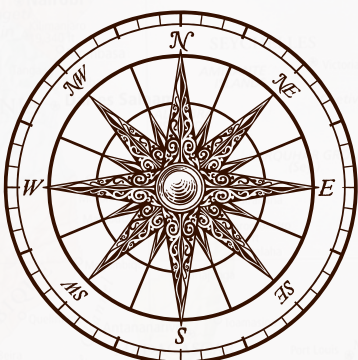
This year's theme, "Navigating Financial Aid with LASFAA," underscores our commitment to innovation, collaboration, and advocacy in our field despite the changes we face. Over the next few days, we will engage in meaningful discussions, share best practices, and explore new strategies to enhance our services and strengthen our processing and advising styles.

I encourage each of you to take advantage of the diverse sessions, networking opportunities, and workshops available. Let's inspire and encourage each other with our experiences and insights as we strive to navigate through the evolving challenges present in financial aid.

Thank you for your dedication and commitment to our profession. Together, we can make something great by building our tomorrows!

As we navigate through this week, remember that we are all navigators in this vital journey of financial aid. Let's carry forward the knowledge and connections we'll strengthen, guiding our students toward brighter futures. Safe travels on this journey, and let's continue to chart a course for success in our shared mission!

With Warmest Regards,



Sharmain Lazard-Talbert, MBA
2024 LASFAA President

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Fall 2024 Community Service Project: Youth Oasis



Youth Oasis, is a nonprofit organization dedicated to providing support and resources for at-risk youth. Their mission is to create a safe and nurturing environment where young people can thrive and develop the skills they need for a successful future. They offer various programs, including mentoring, education support, and life skills training. By focusing on holistic development, Youth Oasis aims to empower youth to overcome challenges and achieve their potential.

“Able to spring back after being compressed” – it’s what we strive for when caring for youth. It’s never, “Look at those poor children,” but always, “Look at all of the potential they possess.”

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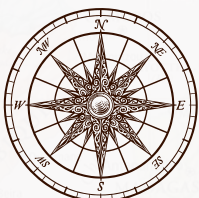
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*Please purchase pop-top cans as some of the residents do not have can openers



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About Our Keynote Speaker



Dr. Kristine H. Strickland currently serves as Chancellor of Fletcher Technical Community College. Fletcher serves just under 6700 credit, workforce and adult basic education students in the Bayou Region of Louisiana.

Prior to her role as Chancellor, Dr. Strickland has served in senior leadership positions within higher education for 25 years. Chancellor Strickland has served at various types of institutions including public and private universities and community colleges.

In addition to her current responsibilities, Dr. Strickland serves in leadership roles within the community and her profession. Dr. Strickland serves on the Boards of SLEC and Lafourche Tourism Commission, the Houma-Terrebonne Airport Commission, Chair of the Houma Terrebonne Chamber of Commerce and serves on the Executive Board for the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools - Commission on Colleges.

Dr. Strickland earned both a Bachelor's Degree and a Master's Degree in from Ohio University. She earned a Doctorate in Leadership for Higher Education and she is an alumna of the Harvard University Institutes.



Dr. Strickland is married to Adam Strickland and has four children. While Dr. Strickland grew up in Cleveland, Ohio she now resides in Thibodaux, LA and is proud to call the Bayou Region home.

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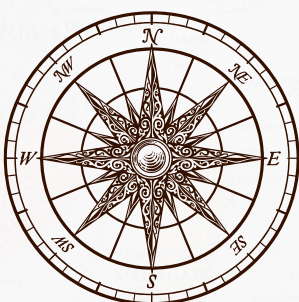
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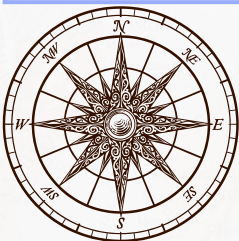
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Travel Itinerary
Destination:
Career Advancement



Day 1 - Tuesday, November 5th

Time	To Do	Location
8:00 am - 10:00 am	Exhibitor Area Set-Up	Heidelberg Lobby
9:00am - 12:00 pm	Registration	Heidelberg Lobby
12:00 pm - 1:00 pm	Opening Ceremony Soloist: Alana Buckley LASFAA President: Sharmain Lazard-Talbert SWASFAA Update: Audra Main NASFAA Virtual Update: Kristi Jovell	Heidelberg Ballroom
1:00 pm - 1:45 pm	Keynote Speaker: Dr. Kristine Strickland Chancellor Fletcher Technical Community College	Heidelberg Ballroom
1:45 pm	Break/Exhibitor Bingo	Heidelberg Lobby
2:00 pm - 2:45 pm	Creating Exemplary Customer Service in College Financial Aid: Te'Erra Davis, LSUHSC Shreveport	Capitol Room
	Crossing Paths: When Verification Meets Simplification - A Panel Discussion: Bradley Meyers, SELU & Sharmain Lazard-Talbert, SUSLA	Governor Room
2:45 pm	Break/Exhibitor Bingo	Heidelberg Lobby
3:15 pm - 4:00 pm	Finding the True North: Imposter Syndrome: Audra Main, SWASFAA & Bradley Meyers, SELU	Capitol Room
	Mapping Veterans' Benefits: A Comprehensive Overview: Leonard Acker, Louisiana National Guard	Governor Room
3:45 pm - 4:00 pm	Break/Exhibitor Bingo	Heidelberg Lobby
5:00 pm - 7:00 pm	Dinner On Your Own	



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Travel Itinerary

Destination:

Functional Training & Networking



Day 2 - Wednesday, November 6th

Time	To Do	Location
7:30 am - 8:00 am	Breakfast	Heidelberg Ballroom
8:00 am	Registration/Exhibitor Area Open	Heidelberg Lobby
8:00 am - 5:00 pm	Ask-A-LOSFA Resource Room: LOSFA Staff	Victory Room
8:15 am - 9:00 am	Lost Without a Compass: Changes and Challenges in the FAFSA Application: Amanda Brady, LCTCS	Heidelberg Ballroom
9:00 am - 9:15 am	Break/Exhibitor Bingo	Heidelberg Lobby
9:00 am - 10:00 am	Approaching the Horizon: Financial Value Transparency & Gainful Employment: Bradley Meyers, SELU	Heidelberg Ballroom
10:00 am - 10:15 am	Break/Exhibitor Bingo	Heidelberg Lobby
10:15 am - 11:00 am	Charting the Course: Engagement Strategies, Comprehensive Advising and Student Network Groups: Brittany Terrio, LOSFA	Heidelberg Ballroom
	Steering Professional Judgement: Insights from a Panel: Bradley Meyers, SELU & Sharmain Lazard-Talbert, SUSLA	Governor Room
	Staying on Track: The Importance of Operational Calendars: Anna Daigle, LSUHSC New Orleans	King Room
12:00 pm - 1:30 pm	Luncheon Awards Ceremony/Giveaways/Door Prizes Vendor Acknowledgements Community Service Project Scholarship Winners Business Meeting	Heidelberg Ballroom
1:30 pm - 2:15 pm	Focus! Finding Professional and Personal Success Through Managing Your "Squirrel" Moments: Lou Murray, Earnest	Heidelberg Ballroom
2:15 pm - 2:30 pm	Break/Exhibitor Bingo	Heidelberg Lobby



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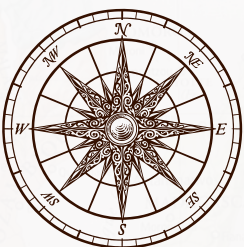
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Time	To Do	Location
2:30 pm - 3:15 pm	Navigating Audits with LOSFA: Patrick Roque, LOSFA	Heidelberg Ballroom
	Return of Title IV: Sailing Through Recent Updates: Amanda Brady, LCTCS & Philippa George, SUSLA	Governor Room
	AI on the Horizon: Navigating Financial Aid into the Future: Audra Main, SWASFAA & Bradley Meyers, SELU	King Room
3:15 pm - 3:30 pm	Break/Exhibitor Bingo	Heidelberg Lobby
3:30 pm - 4:15 pm	Funding Compass: Guiding Students and Financial Aid Administrators through MJ Foster Promise: LaVonya Malveaux, LOSFA	Heidelberg Ballroom
	Meditation for the Fidgety Skeptic - A Book Report that Could Change Your Life: Kevin Holman, College Ave	Governor Room
	Plotting New Paths: Creative Financial Aid Solutions with Canva: Sharmain Lazard-Talbert, SUSLA	King Room
4:15 pm - 4:30 pm	Break/Exhibitor Bingo	Heidelberg Lobby
5:30 pm - 9:30 pm	Love Boat Social Silent Auction & Exhibitor Contest Winner Announcement	Heidelberg Ballroom



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Destination:

Increased Engagement



Day 3 - Thursday, November 7th

Time	To Do	Location
8:00 am	Breakfast	Heidelberg Ballroom
8:30 am	LOSFA Update: Dr. Sujuan Boutte', LOSFA	Heidelberg Ballroom
10:00 am	Business Meeting Passing of the Gavel Conference Closing	Heidelberg Ballroom

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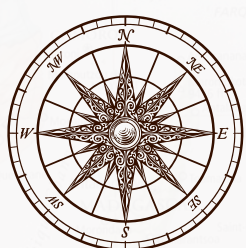
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Conference Notes



The Fall 2024 Program and Site Committees are excited to have you join us for the Fall 2024 LASFAA Conference in Baton Rouge, LA. We extend a special thank you to all of our presenters, sponsors, special guests, and volunteers who have worked diligently to ensure that this conference is successful.

Important Information for Conference Attendees

Name Badges

Please wear your name badge to all conference activities, including meal and beverage functions. It helps you identify as a LASFAA attendee and fosters connections with conference participants and exhibitors.

Exhibitor Area

Please take time to visit our exhibitors. They provide valuable resources and sponsorship support for our conference. Engaging with them will enhance your conference experience!

Evaluation Forms

After the conference, expect an electronic survey to share your feedback. Your insights are crucial for allowing the planning committee and LASFAA Board understand how we can improve professional development events for our membership and highlight what you benefited from most. Thank you in advance for providing your feedback.

**Please be on the look out for information regarding the
LASFAA/SWASFAA Super Conference in New Orleans!**

**Coming your way - Fall 2025
(Venue and Dates TBD)**



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