



MASFAP August 2019 Communication

Announcing A Sneak Peek* of the MASFAP Conference Sessions

The Program Committee is excited to share a sneak peek* of the conference session topics. Check the conference website for more conference information and updates: <https://www.masfap.org/conference>

- Mental Health Issues
- Homeless Students/Dependency Overrides
- Veteran's Needs
- Utilizing Tracking Systems
- Working With Other Departments
- Return of Title IV Aid
- Verification
- Reconciliation
- SULA Misunderstandings and Misreporting

Conference session titles continued on page 2!

New Website—Check It Out!

Check out www.masfap.org - and have you logged onto the new site? You can send listserv (AKA:E-List) messages and view conference details. Please see the listserv email titled "It's Here..." dated 8/1/2019 for important details.

If you have questions on accessing the listserv or the new login process, please contact Stephen Garman at StephenGarman@MissouriState.edu.

Additionally you can view/comment on blogs at <https://www.masfap.org/blog-home!>

MASFAP High School Counselor Workshops

Please spread the word registration is open for the high school counselor workshops on masfap.org (click on High School Counselors then Workshops)

Event location and date:

1. **SEPTEMBER 13** St. Louis - Webster University (co-hosting with St. Louis Graduates)
2. **SEPTEMBER 19** Columbia - Stephens College
3. **SEPTEMBER 25** Kansas City - Metropolitan Community College
4. **SEPTEMBER 26** Springfield - Drury University
5. **OCTOBER 2** Kirksville - Truman State University
6. **OCTOBER 3** Cape Girardeau - Southeast Missouri State University
7. **OCTOBER 8** Joplin - Missouri Southern State University
8. **OCTOBER 9** West Plains - Missouri State West Plains
9. **OCTOBER 11** St. Joseph - Missouri Western State University

Agenda includes FAFSA completion, what happens after the FAFSA, reading financial aid offers, an update from MDHE and more. Please contact Melissa Findley with questions at Melissa.findley@moslf.org.

Upcoming Training Opportunity:

Tuesday, September 17

MDHE training and Application process
NASFAA Credential
10:00am-3:00pm
MOFELA Servicing Facility
555 Vandiver Drive
Columbia, MO

Registration open soon at
www.masfap.org



Announcing Conference Speaker Tevin Ali

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- Public Disclosures/Consumer Information
- Financial Literacy
- Gen Z/Me
- Default Prevention Planning
- Communication with Students
- College Financing Options
- Student Scams
- Personality Types in the Office
- Financial Aid Offers
- DACA Students
- Tuition Payment Plans
- Impact of Financial Aid Collections and Retention
- Legal Changes in Collections
- State Update
- Federal Update
- Peer Groups

Conference registration coming soon! Also if the Director at your institution pays and attends, all others from the institution will receive a free registration! Mark your calendars – we'll see all of Missouri's Financial Aid Super Heroes November 11-13!

*Disclaimer: Sessions are still being finalized and are subject to change!



Our Keynote Speaker for this year's conference is Tevin Ali. Tevin is no stranger to struggles and setbacks. Born in Trinidad and raised by immigrant parents his family had little wealth, but valued education. After many years of saving, Tevin was the first in his family to attend college. By his own admission, he was not the best student, nor truly ready for college and soon fell prey to an inner dialog that morphed into a sense of hopelessness. Tevin eventually dropped out of college believing he had failed himself and his family. Fortunately hitting his lowest point allowed him to be highly receptive to change. Tevin overcame the feeling he would never be good enough, fought back against the perception of others, and has since been the first in his family to graduate college and serves as an incredible beacon of inspiration for others across the nation who also struggle in the face of adversity. He is a graduate of The John Hopkins University earning his Master's Degree in Biotechnology Enterprise and Entrepreneurship, and he earned his Bachelor's Degree in Biological Sciences at Florida Atlantic University.

Other special guests include Zora Mulligan, J.D., Commissioner of MDHE, Leroy Wade, Assistant Commissioner of MDHE, and Zach Goodwin, Trainer for the U.S. Department of Education.

The conference will be fruitful and filled with diverse sessions for both beginners and seasoned professionals. There will also be great activities and time to connect with colleagues from across the state.