2022 SDASFAA AWARDS CEREMONY

Wednesday, April 20, 2022
Rushmore Hotel
Rapid City, South Dakota

RECOGNITION OF 2021 COMMITTEE VOLUNTEERS

For service as a volunteer on a SDASFAA committee for 2021

2021 HSCW Committee
Carissa Koerner, Co-Chair
Amber Brockel, Co-Chair
Becky Pribyl
Julie Forman
Sharon Martin
Liz Augustine
Morgan Huber
Micah Hansen
Cathy Mueller

Spring 2022 Conference Committee
Carissa Koerner, Chair
Amber Brockel, Vice-Chair
Hayli De Jong
Kristy O’Kief
Sharon Martin
Carin Carstens
Brenda Wipf

Spring 2021 Conference Committee
Carissa Koerner, Chair
Amber Brockel, Vice-Chair
Sydney Chapman
Ken Kocer
Hayli De Jong
Melissa Simpson
Kristy O’Kief
Brad Riebel
Erin Richards
Karrie Morgan

2021 Fall Training
Mary Alexander, Co-Chair
Sharon Martin, Co-Chair
Morgan Stadler
Sydney Chapman
Marlene Seeklander
Melissa Simpson

Review Committee
Cathy Mueller
Tracey Buisker, Chair
Marlene Seeklander

Committee of Record and Website
Kristy O’Kief
Micah Hansen
Carrie Jordanger

Recognition Committee
Erin Richards, Chair
Carissa Koerner
Beth Volland
RECOGNITION OF 2021 EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEMBERS

Carissa Koerner, President
Erin Richards, Past-President
Amber Brockel, President-elect
Melissa Simpson, Secretary
Carrie Jordanger, Treasurer

Mary Alexander, Member-at-Large
Sharon Martin, Member-at-Large
Sydney Chapman, Member-at-Large
Morgan Stadler, Member-at-Large
Cathy Mueller, Associate Member

YEARS OF SERVICE AWARDS

This award begins in 1995 to recognize SDASFAA members who have dedicated many years to the financial aid profession. Starting at 10 years, members are recognized every 5 years thereafter.

10 Years
Tresse Evenson, Augustana University
Laure Reed, Dakota State University
Debbie Blue Bird, Oglala Sioux Tribe
Higher Education Grant Program
Carolyn Butrous, University of South Dakota

15 years
Monica Darrow, SD School of Mines & Technology

20 Years
Bob Baier, Bank of North Dakota
Mike Mutziger, ScholarNet

25 Years
David Bowman, Nelnet
Carin Carstens, ScholarNet
Lou Murray, Earnest Student Loans

30 Years
Sara Edwards, Citizens
Rob Smith, Elm Resources

35 Years
Shar Martin, Bank of North Dakota

40 Years
Deb Gossman, College Ave Student Loans

RECOGNITION OF RETIREES

To honor the dedicated service and personal contributions made to SDASFAA and the financial aid profession by individuals who have or will retire in 2021-2022.

Julie Pier, University of South Dakota
Carol Stevens, University of South Dakota

Laine Halverson, Augustana University
David Martin, SD School of Mines & Technology

RECOGNITION OF RMASFAA AWARDS

The following SDASFAA members were honored at the 2021 RMASFAA Conference:

Micah Hansen, Southeast Technical College – Oscar R. ‘Jack’ Hendrix Award
Ken Kocer, Mount Mary College – NASFAA Leadership Award
**DOUGLAS STECKLER PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT AWARD**

This award was established by the SDASFAA Executive Council May 26, 1992 in remembrance of Doug Steckler, the first SDASFAA President who died April 22, 1992 at age 69. The purpose of the award is to recognize one member for service to the association. The Douglas Steckler Professional Development Award is presented at the annual meeting by the Recognition Committee from nominations solicited from the membership-at-large. It includes a plaque and a $100 voucher to be used for professional development at the recipient's discretion during the following year.

**Past Recipients**

1993 Deb Henriksen, DWU  
1994 Monte Nipp, NSU  
1995 David Martin, BHSU  
1996 Lisa Isakson, SLFC  
1997 Ken Kocer, Mt. Marty  
1998 Brenda Schmidt, Presentation  
1999 Monica Gannon, NAU  
2000 Renee Leach, Augustana  
2001 Rosie Jamison, DSU  
2002 Clarence Shoemaker, USD  
2003 Marlene Seeklander, EAC  
2004 Pam Lane, NSU  
2005 Mary Anne Whitman, EAC  
2006 Starla Russell, WDT  
2007 Laura Olson, USF  
2008 Emily Studenski, Augustana  
2009 Becky Pribyl, NSU  
2010 Cindy Swinson, SDSU  
2011 Sharon Martin, WDT  
2012 Denise Grayson, DSU  
2013 Kristy O’Kief, DWU  
2014 Erin Richards, SDSM&T  
2015 Marlene Seeklander, LATI  
2016 Katie Nelson, BHSU  
2017 Kim Nida, BHSU  
2018 Melinda Fedeler, DSU  
2019 Carissa Koerner, USF  
2020 Melissa Simpson, BHSU

**OUTSTANDING SERVICE AWARD**

This award was established by the SDASFAA Executive Council in 1994. The purpose of the award is to recognize a member for service to the association over a considerable time through professional contributions and leadership. Awarded to one member annually who is nominated from the membership-at-large.

**Past Recipients**

1994 Gene Linton, Augustana  
1995 Donna Johnson, First Bank  
1996 John Gritts, BHSU  
1997 Deb Henriksen, DWU  
1998 Grant Uecker, Mitchell Tech  
1999 Brenda Murtha, Augustana  
2000 Todd Otterberg, SD Army National Guard  
2001 Peggy Kuck, EAC  
2002 Sharon Kienow, NSU  
2003 Cody McMichael, BHSU  
2004 Rosie Jamison, DSU  
2005 Clarence Shoemaker, USD  
2006 Clark Wold, EAC  
2007 Jay Larson, SDSU  
2008 David Martin, SDSM&T  
2009 Cindy Swinson, SDSU  
2010 Mary Anne Whitman, Presentation  
2011 Carolyn Halgerson, Kilian  
2012 Starla Russel, WDT  
2013 Becky Pribyl, NSU  
2014 Ken Kocer, Mt. Marty  
2015 Monica Gannon, NAU  
2016 Kristy O’Kief, WDT  
2017 Paula Carlson, GLHEC  
2018 Marlene Seeklander, LATI  
2019 Micah Hansen, STI  
2020 Carrie Jordanger, LATC