# 2023 SDASFAA Awards Ceremony

**Wednesday, April 5, 2023**  
**Rushmore Hotel**  
**Rapid City, South Dakota**

## Recognition of 2022 Committee Volunteers

For service as a volunteer on a SDASFAA committee for 2022

### 2022-23 Training Committee

- Carissa Koerner, Chair  
- Hayli De Jong, SDSU  
- Marlene Seeklender, LATC  
- Stephanie Jones, NAU  
- Elizabeth Augustine, SDSU  
- Sharon Martin, WDTC

### 2022 Fall Training Conference Committee

- Sydney Chapman, SDSU – Co-Chair  
- Morgan Stadler, NSU – Co-Chair  
- Laura Reed, DSU  
- Marlene Seeklender, LATC  
- Theresa Neilan, LATC  
- Stephanie Frank, SDSU  
- Karrie Morgan, USF  
- Sharon Martin, WDTC

### 2022 Review Committee

- Catherine Mueller, MYF – Chair  
- Julie Forman, LATC  
- Stephanie Jones, NAU  
- Becky Pribyl, NSU

### 2023 Spring Conference Committee

- Carissa Koerner, USF – Co-Chair  
- Kristy O’Kief, WDTC – Co-Chair  
- Morgan Stadler, NSU  
- Hayli De Jong, SDSU  
- Elizabeth Augustine, SDSU  
- Ken Kocer, MMU  
- Catherine Mueller, MYF

### 2022 Membership & Records Committee

- Kristy O’Kief, WDTC – Chair  
- Carrie Jordanger, LATC  
- Melinda Fedeler, DSU  
- Stephanie Jones, NAU

### 2022 Communication & Website Committee

- Tracey Buisker, SDSU – Chair  
- Melinda Fedeler, DSU  
- Catherine Mueller, MYF  
- Kristy O’Kief, WDTC

### 2022 Recognition Committee

- Carissa Koerner, USF – Chair  
- Kristy O’Kief, WDTC  
- Erin Richards, SDSMT

## Recognition of 2022 Executive Council Members

- **Kristy O’Kief**, President  
- **Carissa Koerner**, Past-President  
- **Kristy O’Kief**, President-elect  
- **Melissa Simpson**, Secretary  
- **Carrie Jordanger**, Treasurer  

- **Sydney Chapman**, Member-at-Large  
- **Morgan Stadler**, Member-at-Large  
- **Karrie Morgan**, Member-at-Large  
- **Laura Reed**, Member-at-Large  
- **Catherine Mueller**, Associate Member
YEARS OF SERVICE AWARDS

This award begin 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**
- Ann Emerson, University of South Dakota
- Carissa Koerner, University of Sioux Falls
- Valerie Solano, SD School of Mines & Technology

**20 Years**
- Jon Muhs, Southeast Technical College
- Linda Shumaker, University of South Dakota

**15 Years**
- Kari Neal, University of South Dakota
- Jill Corbin, Dakota State University

**25 Years**
- Kim Nida, SD School of Mines & Technology

RECOGNITION OF RETIREEES

To honor the dedicated service and personal contributions made to SDASFAA and the financial aid profession by individuals who have or will retire in 2022-2023.

- Ken Kocer, Mount Marty University
- Carmen Neugenbauer, Mitchell Technical College
- Marlene Seeklander, Lake Area Technical College
- Paula Carlson, SD Education Access Foundation
- Brad Riebel, Sallie Mae

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.

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.