

# DEAR SDASFAA

JUNE 2018

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*Photo of 2018 SDASFAA Conference Attendees*

## PRESIDENT'S NOTE

It was good to see so many of you last month at our spring conference in Huron. Kudos to the Spring Conference Planning Committee for putting together a great agenda and a spectacular event. Thank you to everyone who volunteered to present or otherwise help out with the conference.

I am currently working on scheduling our summer board meeting and working with the High School Counselor Workshop Committee to prepare for our counselor training events. My year as SDASFAA President is flying by.

## SDASFAA AWARDS NIGHT

Congratulations to Kim Nida who received the Douglas Steckler Professional Development Award and Paula Carlson who received the Outstanding Service Award at our awards banquet last month. Both Kim and Paula have made tremendous contributions to SDASFAA and it was a pleasure to see them recognized for their efforts.

Several members received years-of-service awards including Deb Henriksen (BHSU) and Meg Thomas (SDSU) who will complete 35 years of service in 2018. Congratulations to everyone who was recognized.

## INFORMATION SHARING

At our April 30th Board Meeting, the Board agreed that SDASFAA would provide members with a document to send to scholarship partners explaining the U.S. Department of Education's Privacy and Technical Assistance Center's guidance that has resulted in many schools returning forms to students instead of sending them directly back to the scholarship providers. Recently, paper copies of this document were mailed out to the South Dakota Department of Labor and Department of Human Services Offices. A PDF version of the document was included in the newsletter email and can also be found on the [SDASFAA website](#). Please feel free to share paper or email versions of the document with your scholarship partners. Thank you, Marlene Seeklander for putting this document together for us.

## RMASFAA APPLICATIONS

- The Leadership Pipeline [Application](#) is due on or before June 30<sup>th</sup>. SDASFAA offers scholarships help cover the RMASFAA Conference registration fees for SDASFAA members who participate as mentees in the Leadership Pipeline Program.

## WHAT'S NEXT

- High School Counselor Workshops are scheduled at the following dates and locations:
  - Sept. 5: Aberdeen, NSU
  - Sept. 6: Watertown, LATI
  - Sept. 10: Rapid City, SDSMT
  - Sept. 11: Pierre, Capitol U Center
  - Sept. 12: Mitchell, MTI
  - Sept. 13: Sioux Falls, STI
- Save the date for the 2018 RMASFAA Conference in Fargo! October 7 through 10, 2018
- Decentralized Training will be held at the AmericInn in Chamberlain November 14 and 15, 2018
- The SDASFAA 2019 Spring Conference is scheduled to take place at The Lodge at Deadwood April 15 through 17, 2019