



## 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

#### **2021 Fall Training**

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

#### **Membership Committee**

Amber Brockel, Chair  
Morgan Stadler  
Kristy O'Kief

#### **Spring 2022 Conference Committee**

Carissa Koerner, Chair  
Amber Brockel, Vice-Chair  
Hayli De Jong  
Kristy O'Kief  
Sharon Martin  
Carin Carstens  
Brenda Wipf

#### **Review Committee**

Cathy Mueller  
Tracey Buisker, Chair  
Marlene Seeklander

#### **Committee of Record and Website**

Kristy O'Kief  
Micah Hansen  
Carrie Jordanger

#### **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

#### **Recognition Committee**

Erin Richards, Chair  
Carissa Koerner  
Beth Vollan

## 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 began 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           | 2007 | Laura Olson, USF           |
| 1994 | Monte Nipp, NSU              | 2008 | Emily Studenski, Augustana |
| 1995 | David Martin, BHSU           | 2009 | Becky Pribyl, NSU          |
| 1996 | Lisa Isakson, SLFC           | 2010 | Cindy Swinson, SDSU        |
| 1997 | Ken Kocer, Mt. Marty         | 2011 | Sharon Martin, WDT         |
| 1998 | Brenda Schmidt, Presentation | 2012 | Denise Grayson, DSU        |
| 1999 | Monica Gannon, NAU           | 2013 | Kristy O'Kief, DWU         |
| 2000 | Renee Leach, Augustana       | 2014 | Erin Richards, SDSM&T      |
| 2001 | Rosie Jamison, DSU           | 2015 | Marlene Seeklander, LATI   |
| 2002 | Clarence Shoemaker, USD      | 2016 | Katie Nelson, BHSU         |
| 2003 | Marlene Seeklander, EAC      | 2017 | Kim Nida, BHSU             |
| 2004 | Pam Lane, NSU                | 2018 | Melinda Fedeler, DSU       |
| 2005 | Mary Anne Whitman, EAC       | 2019 | Carissa Koerner, USF       |
| 2006 | Starla Russell, WDT          | 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                 | 2008 | David Martin, SDSM&T            |
| 1995 | Donna Johnson, First Bank              | 2009 | Cindy Swinson, SDSU             |
| 1996 | John Gritts, BHSU                      | 2010 | Mary Anne Whitman, Presentation |
| 1997 | Deb Henriksen, DWU                     | 2011 | Carolyn Halgerson, Kilian       |
| 1998 | Grant Uecker, Mitchell Tech            | 2012 | Starla Russel, WDT              |
| 1999 | Brenda Murtha, Augustana               | 2013 | Becky Pribyl, NSU               |
| 2000 | Todd Otterberg, SD Army National Guard | 2014 | Ken Kocer, Mt. Marty            |
| 2001 | Peggy Kuck, EAC                        | 2015 | Monica Gannon, NAU              |
| 2002 | Sharon Kienow, NSU                     | 2016 | Kristy O'Kief, WDT              |
| 2003 | Cody McMichael, BHSU                   | 2017 | Paula Carlson, GLHEC            |
| 2004 | Rosie Jamison, DSU                     | 2018 | Marlene Seeklander, LATI        |
| 2005 | Clarence Shoemaker, USD                | 2019 | Micah Hansen, STI               |
| 2006 | Clark Wold, EAC                        | 2020 | Carrie Jordanger, LATC          |
| 2007 | Jay Larson, SDSU                       |      |                                 |