

Good morning! I wanted to send this out right away before the madness takes over everything.

- The summer Executive Board meeting was last month in Chamberlain, the High School Counselor Workshop Committee is prepping for next month's events, and the Decentralized Training Committee is finalizing their program for the November training.
- SDASFAA election is coming soon!
- Registration is **OPEN** for the RMASFAA Annual Conference in October.
  - o Both Beth Vollan and I will be attending on behalf of SDASFAA. At this conference, I will complete my service as the SD representative on the 16-17 RMASFAA Board while Beth will begin hers on the 17-18 RMASFAA Board.
  - o Also, Beth and Katie Nelson will conclude their year as mentees in the Leadership Pipeline, while Carissa Koerner from the University of Sioux Falls and Micah Hansen from SDSU will begin their year.
  - o The RMASFAA Diversity and Multicultural Initiative Committee (DMCI) scholarship [application](#) to assist with conference expenses is available until 8/11/17.

Thank you to everyone who puts forth their time and energy to make this Association possible. We are working together to learn and to train, to share best practices, to develop professionally, to serve students, to commiserate about students, and to communicate with all the people that financial aid affects. Before the masses of students and parents overwhelm the phone lines, fill your inbox, and threaten the door, take a moment to remember that you are a part of a strong and supportive community. A community that has been doing this for a long time... in fact, attached is a flashback to 20 years ago, courtesy of the Sharon Kienow Treasure Trove. Enjoy this window into the past before the students wake up!

## Next Up

- SDASFAA High School Counselor Workshops:

Sept. 6: Aberdeen, Northern State University

Sept. 7: Watertown, Lake Area Technical Institute

Sept. 11: Rapid City, Western Dakota Tech.

Sept. 12: Pierre, Capitol University Center

Sept. 13: Mitchell, Mitchell Technical Institute

Sept. 14: Sioux Falls, Southeast Technical Inst.

- RMASFAA Annual Conference – [Registration is now OPEN!](#)



- SDASFAA Fall Decentralized Training: November 14-15, 2017
- SDASFAA Spring Conference: April 30-May 2, 2018

Brace for impact and have a great day!

Thanks,  
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