# **DEAR SDASFAA**

OCTOBER 2018

### PRESIDENT'S NOTE

Hello SDASFAA! Hope you are all doing well and enjoying the last weeks (or maybe days) of nice weather. It has been a few months since my last update, and I have quite a bit to report.

- On August 1, the SDASFAA Executive Council met in Chamberlain.
- In mid-August, the Executive Council completed its 5-year review of the Policy and Procedure Manual. The updated manual should be available on the SDASFAA website after our next Board meeting.
- The High School Counselor Workshops were completed in September. We had 181 participants this year.
- Earlier this month I had the honor of representing SDASFAA at the RMASFAA Board meeting in Fargo.

Currently, I am preparing for our November 14<sup>th</sup> SDASFAA Executive Council meeting which will be held in conjunction with Decentralized Training in Chamberlain. I will send the agenda in a few days.

#### **DECENTRALIZED TRAINING**

Join us in Chamberlain November 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> for Decentralized Training. Registration is still open. The NASFAA Authorized Training topic this year is Direct Loan Program and participants will be able to take the credential exam at no additional cost. Erin and her committee have been working hard to make this a great training event. I hope to see you all there.

## LEADERSHIP PIPELINE

SDASFAA had four members participate as mentees in RMASFAA's Leadership Pipeline Program at this year's RMASFAA conference. The photo shows Carissa Koerner and Micah Hansen who graduated as part of the 2018 class. Carrie Jordanger and Tracey Buisker started as mentees in the 2019 class. All four received scholarships from SDASFAA to cover the registration fee for the conference.

Special thanks to all of the SDASFAA members who participate in this program as mentees, mentors, and presenters.



## WHAT'S NEXT

- SDSAFAA Executive Council meets November 14<sup>th</sup> in Chamberlain
- Decentralized Training will be held at the Americann in Chamberlain November 14 and 15, 2018
- Save the date for the SDASFAA 2019 Spring Conference which is scheduled to take place at The Lodge at Deadwood April 15 through 17, 2019