

State Financial Aid: The Bridge to Postsecondary Access



Sunday, October 9		
11:00 am - 5:00	Executive Committee Meeting	
4:00 - 6:00 pm	Registration	
6:00 - 9:00 pm	President's Reception	
Monday, October 10		
7:30-8:00 am	<i>Continental Breakfast</i>	
7:30-8:00	Registration continued	
8:00-8:15	President's Welcome to NASSGAP 2005 Fall Conference	Theresa Antworth, NAASGAP President
<i>Policy that Spans the Nation</i>		
8:15-9:15	Federal Update from the Office of Post Secondary Education: The Department's perspective on recent policy, budget, and legislation issues of interest to the States such as the 2006 budget and reauthorization of Higher Education Act. The session reviews recent activities related to OMB's PART (Program Rating Assessment Tool) and its impact on legislation and the budget for programs providing grants to States including LEAP, Byrd, and GEAR UP. In addition, there will be a brief update on State grant programs administered by OPE.	Fred Sellers, Senior Policy Analyst, U.S., Department of Education
9:15-9:45	LEAP Update: An update on the LEAP and SLEAP programs, 04-05 Performance Reporting information and some program data.	Greg Gerrans, LEAP Program Manager, U.S., Department of Education
9:45-10:00	Break	
10:00-11:00	The Perfect Demographic Storm: Extending the Benefits of Higher Education to the Next Wave of Students: Findings from the College Board's publication, <i>Education Pays</i> , and recent demographic and college pricing data. Students who attend institutions of higher education obtain a wide range of lifelong benefits; likewise, society as a whole derives a multitude of benefits when citizens have access to postsecondary education. However, because of the uneven rates of participation in postsecondary education, these benefits are not equitably distributed across U.S. society, and therefore, should be a matter of urgent public policy concern at the federal, state, and local levels. As we think about the changing U.S. demographics, the current gaps in access to college, and the uneven distribution of the benefits related to postsecondary education, we need to find ways to remove barriers to college access today and in the coming years.	Kathy Little, Senior Executive Director, Financial Aid Programs and Services, The College Board
11:00-12:00	Re-Authorization and Budget Update: The Director of the NASSGAP Washington Office will provide the latest information about reauthorization of the Higher Education Act, the federal budget, and other federal-related initiatives affecting NASSGAP members.	Bart Astor, Director, Washington Office NASSGAP
12:00-12:50	<i>Lunch followed by Luncheon Speaker</i>	
1:00 - 1:30	Linking systems toward education; the roles, goals, adversaries and advocates: <i>Mr. Allison Jones, Assistant Vice Chancellor of Academic Affairs, Student Academic Support Office of the Chancellor, The California State University</i>	
<i>Many states, many bridges - stay connected!</i>		
1:30-3:00	State Roll Call: A favorite session of each NAASGAP conference. All states report their news!	Melanie Amrhein, NASSGAP President-Elect
3:00-3:30	Follow-up networking and break	All
3:30-4:30	NASSGAP'S New Website & Survey Data Collection Issues	NASSGAP Members: Dennis Obergfell, Indiana and Mike Solomon, Illinois
Evening	<i>NASSGAP Group Dinner</i>	

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Tuesday, October 11		
<i>Before you Build - Design and Model</i>		
7:30-8:30 am	<i>Continental Breakfast</i>	
8:30-9:15	Recession, Retrenchment and Recovery: State Higher Education Funding and Student Financial Aid - Update on NASSGAP and SHEEO sponsored project which looks at the impact of the recent recession on higher education, student aid funding and student access. The project includes a fiscal and economic analysis of state data as well as a survey of agency CEOs to identify strategies used by agencies to retrench during the recession. A look at results of the project to date.	Dr. Ross Hodel, Director, Center for the Study of Education Policy, Illinois State University & Dr. Sheila Pruden, Student Financial Aid Policy Analyst
9:15-10:15	State Early Commitment Financial Aid Programs: Do They Increase Access to Postsecondary Education? This session draws on a new report, <i>Early Commitment Financial Aid Programs: Promises, Practices, and Policies</i> , to examine the effectiveness of early commitment programs as a public policy strategy in increasing access to postsecondary education for low-income students. These programs are designed to provide economically disadvantaged students in middle school and early high school with a guarantee of financial aid for postsecondary education if they meet certain academic and social requirements. Examples of such programs exist in all sectors and include state-sponsored and private programs. Interest in early commitment financial aid programs has been growing rapidly among public policymakers and foundations in recent years.	Cheryl Blanco, Senior Program Director, Policy Analysis and Research, Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education (WICHE)
10:15-10:30	<i>Break</i>	
10:30-11:30	Private Scholarship Awards; Working with private donors and administering their scholarships: Vermont and Oregon will describe how their organizations (one a public-non-profit and the other a state agency) administer private scholarship programs designed by individual donors.	NASSGAP Members: Marilyn Cargill, Vermont and Vicki Merkel, Oregon
11:30-1:00	<i>Lunch</i>	
1:00-2:00	Fulfilling the Promise of HEA in this Reauthorization: Advisory Committee Update on Access and Persistence. The purpose of this presentation will be: 1. Examine the current condition of access and persistence for low-and moderate-income students, highlighting updated figures that demonstrate the work and loan burden that students are currently forced to bear to attend college. This will serve as an update to the Advisory Committee's 2002 report, <i>Empty Promises: The Myth of College Access in America</i> , which showed how large shortages in grant aid prevent academically qualified low-income high school graduates from accessing and persisting in college. 2. A status report of HEA reauthorization legislation that attempts to address these barriers based on recommendations the Advisory Committee made to Congress. This discussion will focus on the Committee's proposal for the creation of a national partnership between federal and state governments, institutions, and private organizations to ensure that low-income students are able to access and succeed in college.	Nicole Barry, Deputy Directory; Advisory Committee on Student Financial Assistance
2:00-2:30	<i>Break</i>	
<i>NASSGAP Bridgework</i>		
2:30-3:30	NASSGAP Business Meeting	Theresa Antworth, NAASGAP President
3:30-4:30	NASSGAP Committee Meetings - New Members Welcome to Join: Ed Technical Forms Committee; Federal Relations Committee; Membership & Communications Committee; NASSGAP Survey Committee; Web Committee; Policy & Research Committee	Committee Chairs
Evening	<i>NASSGAP Members on the Town... Group Activities</i>	
Wednesday, October 12		
<i>Explore New Construction</i>		
7:30-8:30	<i>Buffet Breakfast</i>	
8:30-9:30	New York Combines FAFSA-on-the-Web and the TAP Application: New York has the only ED approved e-linked FAFSA/state grant application. Is it living up to expectations?	Chas Treadwell, New York
9:30-9:45	College Savings Plans as a Source of Revenue: A panel of representatives from New Hampshire, Maine, and Rhode Island will explain how their 529 Savings Plans generate revenue and how that revenue is used to fund student financial aid programs.	Mary Ann Welch, Rhode Island and Claude Roy, Maine, Judy Knapp New Hampshire
	<i>Break</i>	
10:45-11:00	Conference Wrap Up	
11:00-12:00	Executive Committee Wrap Up	