

Hello NASSGAP Members,

I hope this email finds each of you busy, safe, and ready for summer.

As the Legislature winds down here in Iowa, I've had time to reflect on our second session of the pandemic. The determination and ingenuity of people never fails to amaze me – when things must get done, we always find a way, even if the approaches differ. Being in frequent contact with NASSGAP members in the months past, I know our work to support college students has continued, and even expanded to address additional barriers our students encounter. I'm proud to be part of an association of people like you.

With summer approaching and vaccines rolling out, I'd be remiss if I didn't mention our fall NASSGAP Conference. It will be held October 19–22, 2021. While we haven't announced the method of delivery yet (in-person in Washington D.C. or virtual), please know that your NASSGAP Executive Council has been evaluating options and monitoring the ever-changing landscape of the pandemic. We will have a conference this fall, and we hope to announce the method of delivery by early July. Change is the rule of the day, and more time will help us make a more informed decision. While we won't hold a Power Hour session in May, our June Power Hour will focus on your feedback related to the 2021 Fall NASSGAP Conference, including:

- What are must-have interest sessions or topics of discussion?
- What might prohibit you from attending in-person (budget restrictions, travel restrictions, personal, etc)?
- Would you prefer an in-person conference or virtual conference?

Your feedback during the June Power Hour will be critical for us in devising a successful fall conference strategy. If you want to register for the June Power Hour early, you can do so [here](#).

Next Tuesday, the 2021-22 NASSGAP membership renewal process will be available through the NASSGAP.org website (you will receive an email notice from our Membership Chair, Jenn Lanphear). The early release is intended to give your agency the flexibility to pay the NASSGAP Membership fee from either FY21 or FY22 funds. All states contribute to the association's mission, through the sharing of ideas, perspectives, and the push to improve the delivery of financial aid and support for students. We hope you will continue to engage – the strength of any association is its members.

All the best, and thanks for all you do for students!