



WASFAA Highlights is a monthly electronic news update provided by the WASFAA President for the benefit of the WASFAA membership. The electronic publication will contain informational items pertaining to WASFAA activities and newsworthy items of interest to the WASFAA community. Past issues are archived on the WASFAA website at <http://www.wasfaa.org>. Additional information regarding any given issue may be obtained by emailing the current WASFAA President, Tami Sato, at tsato@scco.edu.

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- Well, this will be a short one since you have recently received the June/July issue of the WASFAA Newsletter. It has some great articles about the NASFAA Conference that was held in our region. Click on www.wasfaa.org/docs/newsletters/2006/WASFAA_June_July.pdf
- Congratulations are in order for Catherine King-Todd from the Thunderbird Garvin School of International Management who was awarded the NASFAA Regional Leadership Award for high integrity and character and showing creative leadership in inspiring and encouraging others to actively participate in professional development over a sustained period of time. Well actually, the award recipients were announced, but the actual award will be presented at the WASFAA 2007 Conference in Anaheim.
- Hip, Hip, Hooray for AASFAA, winner of a NASFAA State Award. Their outstanding project was for service to the financial aid profession and involved working with the Arizona Indian Tribes to share an automated system to calculate financial aid budgets. Jana Correa-Narcia is a WASFAA Representative-at-Large this year and has extensive knowledge on the funding for Native American tribes from the BIA or a Tribal Department on an Indian Reservation. She has offered her technical assistance and is available to answer you questions on how to assist Native American students. Call her toll-free number at 888/501-9352, extension 1287 or E-mail her at jnarcia@ak-chin.nsn.us. What a great resource!
- The plans for the 3rd annual Jerry R. Sims Management and Leadership Institute are progressing. Check out the impressive list of faculty members for this years focus on the ever-changing role of the financial aid administrator at www.wasfaa.org/docs/toc_MLI.html. The dates are October 25-27 in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho. Apply now for a JRSML scholarship before the deadline date of **August 25, 2006**(go to www.wasfaa.org and click on on-line forms). What does Tami say about these scholarship competitions? Yes, "better odds than the lottery".
- Talk about dates, have you checked out the WASFAA calendar recently? Pat Peppin is your WASFAA Vice-President and is the one to contact when you have an event to add to the calendar (pat.peppin@mcmail.maricopa.edu). There are details on many conferences, workshops and meetings coming up. The dates and locations of conferences up to 2010 are found there. Check it out at www.wasfaa.org/Calendar/
- The Louisiana Association (LASFAA) sponsored a thank you breakfast during the NASFAA Conference to all the organizations and associations that made donations to them after the Katrina and Rita hurricanes. I received a gavel that has inscribed on it "LASFAA Hurricane Relief, Thank you for your generosity!" Wasn't that nice?
- You may be aware of the negative ad campaign the lender MyRichUncle which portrays financial aid administrators as having their best interest over students. Go to www.myrichuncle.com/PLGame.aspx to read about this. The WASFAA council has recently approved a letter that was sent to MRU to help them understand our profession, lender relationships and suggestions on how to improve their website. If you would like to read this letter just let me know at tsato@scco.edu and I'll forward it to you. NASFAA is compiling input from many financial aid administrators. If you have thoughts on this issue, please send them to web@nasfaa.org