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MASFAA was Success for WVASFAA

Whew! We did it!

The MASFAA conference was held in Charleston October 16 through October 19, 2005.

Our theme was **BUILDING BRIDGES FOR A BETTER TOMORROW**; and the bridges were built!



The Local Arrangements Committee, chaired by **Candi Frazier**, was named Committee of the Year.



Brian Weingart from Alderson-Broaddus, AND our President Elect-Elect was named 2005 Outstanding New Professional.

\$5300 was raised, which included \$1500 from MASFAA sponsors, \$500 from MASFAA in general, \$1050 from Goal Financial, which was \$10 per completed survey at there exhibit table, individual donations, and from silent auctions and state basket raffles. Then Sallie Mae Education Trust matched what was raised, bringing the total dollar amount to \$10,600!

Sherry Stepp and **Jean Ann Bevans**, who planned the pre-conference activities did a great job.

The White Water rafting trips were a particular favorite. We heard nothing but rave reviews!

The trip to Blennerhasset Island was enjoyed as well.

The weather was perfect, and every comment heard was positive. We should be very proud.

ALL COMMITTEES did a wonderful job; the conference was a great success; and all the hard work certainly paid off.

A total hats off to the MASFAA Local Charity Committee. Pictured below are Philip Hainen, Drop-In Center Coordinator with Covenant House, James Buchanan, Committee Chair, and Patricia King.



NASFAA TRAINING

Lake Tackett, 2005 NASFAA Trainer, did a presentation on Administrative Capability at the Days Inn in Flatwoods, on December 2.

It was one of the first snows of the season, but West Virginia Financial Aid Administrators and Business Office personnel aren't afraid of a little snow and ice.


There was a full house, and Lake did a terrific job.

Financial Aid Professional News:

Sandra Richmond is the new Financial Aid Director at Mountain State University.

Sue Pack is the new Financial Aid Director at West Virginia Institute of Technology.

Election Results



December Election Results are as follows:

Brian Weingart, President Elect-Elect

James Buchanan, Secretary

Susanne Duranti, Treasurer

Retirement Info Needed

WVASFAA Service and Retirement awards are given at our Spring Conferences.



If you are aware of anyone retiring this year, please contact Sandra Oerly-Bennett at Fairmont State University at 367-4213, or at soerly@fairmontstate.edu.



MASFAA 2006

October 15-18 in Des Moines, IA

Student Success Stories Wanted

The MASFAA Moments Newsletter is publishing Student Success Stories from member institutions.

Please send nominations to Michiale Schneider at michiale.schneider@usafunds.org

WVASFAA 2006 SPRING CONFERENCE
APRIL 5 – 7, 2006

RADISSON AT WATERFRONT PLACE
MORGANTOWN, WV



Ever feel like you have just been kicked off the island? Or maybe that you would like to be?

Come to the WVASFAA Spring Conference in Morgantown and attend sessions to help you not just survive, but thrive!!

The Tribal Council will provide more info soon!

**Financial Aid Awareness Month
January 15 - February 15, 2006
Proclaimed by Governor Joe Manchin**

It's that time of year again! We are in the midst of Financial Aid Awareness Month. Governor Manchin signed the proclamation at the State Capitol on January 4, 2006.



Jan Ruge, WVASFAA President and Governor Joe Manchin at the signing of the proclamation.

Financial Aid Professionals will help students and parents with the financial aid process of completing forms, submitting necessary documents on time and to gain an understanding of the programs from which funds may be awarded. This service is provided free by the WV Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators, American Education Services, Higher Education Policy Commission.

Listed below are the scheduled activities:

9 Regional Locations to offer personal assistance (TBA)

Hot Lines: January 28, 2006 & February 11, 2006

Radio and TV Talk Show /Live Broadcast (TBA)

Financial Nights/Career Days at Local High Schools (TBA)

CD's and FAFSA Completion Flip Charts Available by Calling 1-800-437-3692

Financial Aid Awareness Month is sponsored by:

WV Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators, American Education Services, Higher Education Policy Commission and WV Independent Colleges



American Education Services

American Education Services Provides

Free West Virginia Student Aid Guide

Free Guide Now Available for West Virginia Students and Families

Harrisburg, PA (January 12, 2006) – American Education Services (AES) today announced that West Virginia's Guide to Student Aid 2006-07 is available to West Virginia students and their families.

West Virginia's Guide to Student Aid 2006-07 is provided free-of-charge by AES to students and their families who are looking for student aid for affording postsecondary tuition. The guides provide information on financial aid options, how to determine one's financial need, how to apply for aid and descriptions of available programs. The included checklist and timeline help users meet vital deadlines and a list of online resources provides further information.

The student aid guides, which specifically highlight aid options for West Virginia students, are available at your school counselor's office or by directly contacting AES – WV Office at 1-800-437-3692.

Students and their families will also find an excellent information resource in *WVEducationPlanner.org*, created for students in grades 8-12. This award-winning college planning Website assists students in choosing a career, selecting a school, applying for admission and finding aid. The site is home to one of the world's largest free scholarship databases offering more than 1.8 million awards worth nearly \$8 billion.

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About AES

American Education Services (AES) is a national financial aid services organization with \$67.2 billion in assets under management, serving millions of students and thousands of schools through our guaranty, servicing, grant and financial aid processing systems. The funds generated from our extensive operations are used to improve education opportunities and lower the cost of assistance for students and their families while streamlining the entire process for the higher education community.

For more information, please visit our Website at <http://www.aesSuccess.org>.

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