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### **2023 FALL CONFERENCE**



**NOVEMBER 6-7** 

# PRESIDENT CAVENAUGH

I am so excited for our fall virtual conference. I know that we are all anxious to hear of the exciting things coming down the pipeline in 2024-25. We can't wait, right?

The conference committee under the leadership of Past
President Joey Trogdon has done a wonderful job putting
together a great conference with lots of great information for
us. We will all come away with so much knowledge.
As of October 27 we have 177 registered with the deadline
being October 30 so that number might go up. This is amazing.
I can't thank Joey and his committee enough for all the hard
work putting together great informative sessions.

I have continued on with Past President Michelle Hemmer's charity, The Gilbert Scholarship. The Gilbert Scholarship. Rooted right here in North Carolina, The Gilbert Scholarship is a 501c3 tax exempt, non-profit, and helps students from foster care obtain a college degree. Most students have spent years in the system and have aged out. They have no outside support, no place to go for Thanksgiving or Christmas, and no mom or dad to text when life gets hard. Some even enter college without a car or a home. Eventually, the goal is to have one or more Gilbert Scholarships at all 58 community colleges in NC! Janee Knippenberg from PNC is doing her customary wonderful job with the charity. Please don't forget to support the charity.

I want to say a **HUGE THANK YOU** to our professional affiliates.

You are amazing and I don't know how we would do our conferences without your wonderful support

After we finish this wonderful virtual conference we will begin planning our spring face to face conference under the leadership of Tracy Rapp.

I can't wait to see everyone's beautiful face in lovely Wrightsville Beach in April. That conference will be April 8–10, 2024. Get your dancing shoes on!

Save your money and register early.

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All the best

Rachel Cavenaugh
2023-24 NCASFAA President
2013-14 Past President

# FROM YOUR CONFENCE CHAIR



I am pleased to welcome you to the Fall 2023 Virtual
Conference! The Fall Conference Committee has worked hard to
provide you with opportunities for personal and professional
growth. I strongly believe that you will find something very
pertinent to attend each day of the conference.

You will receive excellent training on compliance issues, training from the North Carolina State Education Assistance Authority, valuable information about the FAFSA Simplification Act, and updates from knowledgeable officials from SEAA, SASFAA, and NASFAA. The conference has been intentionally planned to allow you to go back to your campus with information and ideas to offer your students and parents an improved customer experience, but to also give you the regulatory and process knowledge to be successful.

We hope that you enjoy the virtual conference and leave with the intention to help "Make Dreams Come True!"

**Joey Trogdon** 

# MONDAY, NOVEMBER 5TH

8:30-9:00 AM	Welcome, Gilbert Scholarship Presentation
9:00- 9:45 AM	Purpose-Driven Leadership
10:00-10:45 AM	Concurrent Sessions: -Top Common Findings and Updates -Cybersecurity and Identity Theft -Stress Management
11:00-11:45 AM	Concurrent Sessions: -Cohort default rates YES- it's still at thing -The Next NC Scholarship Overview -Serving Veterans on Your Campus
12:00-1:00 PM	Lunch Break
1:00-1:45PM	Top 10 Issues in FAFSA Simplification You May Have Missed
2:00-3:00 PM	Sector Meetings
3:00 -3:30 PM	Conference Housekeeping & Day 1 Closing

## TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 7TH

8:45-9:00 AM Welcome & Conference Updates

9:00-9:45 AM North Carolina's Shifting Demographic: Implications for

**Serving a Diverse Student Population** 

10:00-10:45 AM State Update

11:00-11:45 AM Concurrent Sessions:

-Making the Case for Financial Aid Outreach Communications -Top FAFSA Simplification Questions -How One School Estimated the Impact of the New FAFSA,

and How You Can Too

12:00-1:00 PM Lunch Break

1:00-1:30 PM SASFAA Update

1:45-2:45 PM NASFAA Update

3:00-4:00 PM Professional Judgment Best Practices

4:00-4:15 PM Closing Session

# KEYNOTE SPEAKER



Dr. Robert Shackleford is a leadership consultant and executive coach that provides outstanding, relevant, dynamic leadership development training for business, education, church, community, and military organizations. Before starting the Shackleford Leadership Institute in July 2022, Dr. Shackleford had a successful career in higher education for 33 years that culminated in him serving as President of Randolph Community College for 15 years. Dr. Shackleford also served as a military chaplain in the US Army Reserves and NC Air National Guard where served as chaplain for two airplane crashes, ministered to wounded troops from Middle East wars evacuated to Germany, and ministered to and counseled with those affected by the 9-11 terrorist attack on the Pentagon. He has received many honors and awards, some of which include the Order of the Longleaf Pine Award, North Carolina Senate Leadership Award, NC Community College President of the Year, Randolph County Citizen of the Year, and Bluefield University Distinguished Hall of Graduates Award.



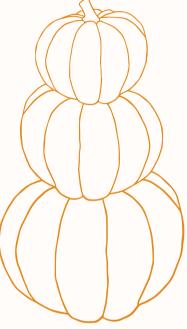
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# SESSION



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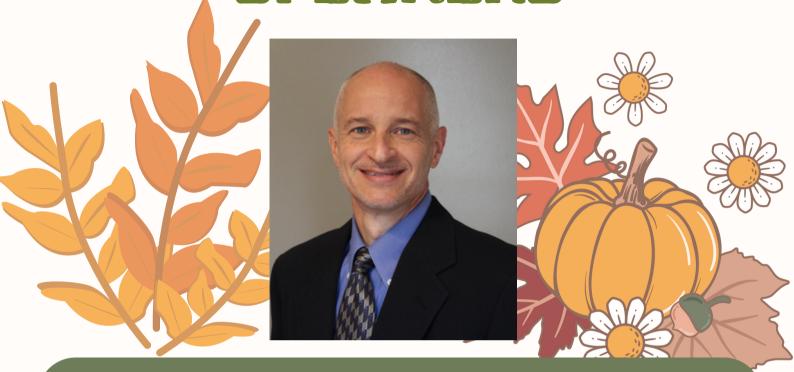




### Andrea Poole is the fourth executive director of the North Carolina State Education Assistance Authority.

Ms. Poole has more than 20 years of service to the State of North Carolina, including more than a decade focused on higher education. Immediately prior to joining the Authority in January 2021, she served as Vice President for Strategic Initiatives at the North Carolina Community College System. Ms. Poole worked from 2013 to 2019 at the University of North Carolina System Office, first as the Associate Vice President of Finance and University Budgets and more recently as Secretary of the University. From 2005 to 2013, Ms. Poole was a fiscal analyst in the North Carolina General Assembly's nonpartisan Fiscal Research Division. There, she specialized in issues surrounding higher education, financial aid, and health and human services. Ms. Poole began her career as a policy analyst for the North Carolina Housing Finance Agency. Ms. Poole earned a Bachelor of Science from Duke University and a Master of Public Administration from North Carolina State University.

# GET TO KNOW OUR SPEAKERS



Brad Barnett is an Accredited Financial Counselor, Certified Personal Financial Manager, and Certified Financial Aid Administrator who works as the Associate Vice President for Access and Enrollment Management/Director of Financial Aid & Scholarships at James Madison University. Closing in on three decades of experience in the financial aid profession, Brad has been active in state, regional, and national financial aid associations as a presenter, committee member/chair, and elected officer. A past president of VASFAA and SASFAA, he has also served NASFAA on the Board of Directors, Financial Affairs Committee, as Treasurer, as Conference Chair, as a Standards of Excellence (SOE) Reviewer, and as a SOE Assessment Leader. This culminated with his service as the 2022-23 NASFAA National Chair. Brad received the VAFSAA Excellence Award, VASFAA Life Membership Award, SASFAA Distinguished Service Award, NASFAA Regional Leadership Award, and NASFAA Allan W. Purdy Distinguished Service Award. In addition to these activities, he teaches personal finance courses (on-line and in person) at JMU and provides financial counseling services on a professional basis outside of his role with JMU. Brad and his wife, Sara, have two sons. The oldest graduated from the University of

Brad and his wife, Sara, have two sons. The oldest graduated from the University of Mary Washington and the youngest graduated from James Madison University. This has given him the unique perspective of going through the "college process" as a parent, as well as an administrator.



Daniel T. Barkowitz is Assistant Vice President of Financial Aid and Student Employment at the University of Miami, a position he has held since July 2022. Daniel has served 35 years in institutions of higher education. Previous roles include: Assistant Vice President of Financial Aid and Veterans Affairs at Valencia College; Director of Financial Aid at MIT; Dean of Financial Aid / Associate Dean of Student Affairs for Columbia College and Columbia Engineering at Columbia University in the City of New York; Director of Operations and Training for the Massachusetts Educational Financing Authority; and Assistant Director of Financial Aid at Boston College.

Daniel has held various volunteer roles with NASFAA, SASFAA, EASFAA, FASFAA (Florida) and MASFAA (Massachusetts) including Past President of the Florida Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators (FASFAA) and the inaugural Chair of the NASFAA's Commission of the Certified Financial Aid Administrator (CFAA) Program. He is currently serving as President of SASFAA in 2023-24

# GET TO KNOW OUR SPEAKERS





Dr. Nathan Dollar is the Director of Carolina Demography. His work helps leaders across North Carolina make sense of population-level changes throughout the state. Dollar, a population health demographer by training, has decades of experience in research and program implementation across North Carolina and abroad. Most recently Dollar served as a research scientist and Project Director for the Dynamics of Extreme Events, People, and Places (DEEPP) survey at the Carolina Population Center. There, he worked with an interdisciplinary team of researchers investigating the factors that shape how people and communities in eastern North Carolina, prepare for, are affected by, and recover from extreme weather events. Dollar previously served in the U.S. Peace Corps in El Salvador and as Executive Director of Vecinos, Inc. Farmworker Health Program in western NC. Since 2014, he has served on the Governing Board for the NC Farmworker Health Program within the NC Office of Rural Health. Through these experiences, Dollar has gained a deep understanding of our state institutions and the complex issues shaping population changes in North Carolina.

A native of Wilson, Dollar received his BA in Sociology and Spanish from Western Carolina University, his MA in Sociology from Colorado State University and his PhD in Sociology from UNC-Chapel Hill.

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Katie Conrad is the Sr. Associate Director of Financial Aid at Florida International University in Miami, Florida, a position she has held since August of 2016. Her previous positions include Director of Financial Aid at Midway University in Midway, Kentucky, and Associate Director of Student Financial Aid at Miami University in Oxford, Ohio. Katie holds a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Business Administration from Transylvania University, and a Master of Science Degree in Social and Philosophical Studies in Education from the University of Kentucky. She has earned the Certified Financial Aid Administrator designation (FAAC). Katie is currently the SASFAA Vice President for Training. During her 22 years in the Financial Aid profession, Katie has served in many leadership positions within her state and regional financial aid associations. She has a passion for education, life-long learning, and promotes educational access and success. Katie enjoys the warm Florida sunshine and scuba diving with her husband, Bill, and their 16-year-old daughter, Sam.

# SESSION DESCRIPTIONS





### Purpose-Driven Leadership

Presented by: Dr. Robert Shackleford

We all have different skills, interests, and abilities we apply to our work. But to keep us motivated, energized, and on-target, the "why" we do it may be the most important question of all! In this session, we will explore how purpose is the best fuel for sustainable dynamic leadership.

## Man. 10:00-10:45

### **Top Common Findings & Updates**

Presented by: Charrise Dudley, NCSEAA and Chuck Dail, NC
Office of the State Auditor

This session will be discussing recent NC Office of State Auditor audit findings along with other updates in student financial aid from a SEAA Program Reviewer.

### **Cybersecurity & Identity Theft**

Presented by: Lisa Koretoff, Guilford Tech CC

Join us for this session where we discuss why cybersecurity and identity theft are everyone's responsibility. We will review the regulations, how they are enforced, developing compliant policies and procedures, and why any of these matter to those of us in the financial aid profession.

### **Stress Management**

Presented by: Qadeerah Rasheed-Brown, Fayetteville Tech CC

Chronic stress triggers a range of physical and mental health symptoms.

Physically, stress weakens the immune system and increases susceptibility to illness. Stress also exacerbates pain and reduces physical stamina and diminishes overall health. Finding time for self-care is important and necessary for workplace productivity. This interactive workshop will help emphasize the importance of selfcare. We will discuss and explore simple relaxation techniques to help you curb anxiety, release muscle tension, and eliminate stress.

## Mon. 11:00-11:45

### Cohort Default Rates...Yes- It's still a thing

Presented by: Shannon Jones, Inceptia

Come learn what has changed and what you need to know before your students start calling you and asking what they need to do.....we have some free resources also!

### The NC Next Scholarship Overview

Presented by: Traci Mitchell, CFI, Kathy Hastings, NCSEAA, Kevin Lineberry, NCSEAA

SEAA and CFI staff will present an overview of the North Carolina public sector consolidated state scholarship. 2024-2025 program parameters and eligibility will be discussed as well as the state-wide marketing campaign for the scholarship.

### **Serving Veterans on Your Campus**

Presented by: Tiffany Ingram, Randolph CC & Rachel Cavenaugh, Cape Fear CC

This session will cover general information about the different types of veterans benefits service members, veterans, and their families can utilize for college. We will also dive into some of the most recent updates regarding veteran education benefits. We recommend this training to new veteran education certifying officials (SCOs) and people in the financial aid community that want to learn more about veterans education benefits.

## Mon. 1:00-2:00

# Top 10 Issues in FAFSA Simplification You May Have Missed

Presented by: Daniel Barkowitz, SASFAA and Katie Conrad, SASFAA

This session will address some of the complex issues resulting from the FAFSA Simplification Act. We are all familiar with the change from EFC to SAI, but what about the changes to asset reporting, child support received, determination of family size, provisional independent student, definition of single parent, changes to Pell Grant proration, and the endless reasons for students to submit a professional judgment in light of these changes? We will walk through these complexities and highlight some of the changes you might have missed from other presentations and offer suggestions for how to prepare for these challenges at your institution.

Mon. 2:00-3:00

### **SECTOR MEETINGS:**

2-Year Public Sector led by Amanda
Buchanan, McDowell Technical CC
4-Year Public Sector led by Fred Holding,
UNC - Wilmington
Independent Sector led by Derrick Everhart,
Warren Wilson College

# TUES. 9:00-9:45

# NC's Shifting Demographics: Implications for Serving a Diverse Student Population

Presented by: Dr. Nathan Dollar, Carolina Demography

In this Session, Dr. Nathan Dollar will discuss the broad demographic patterns that have changed North Carolina's population over the last three decades and the implications for serving an increasingly diverse student population with disparate needs. In addition to demographic trends, the session will provide data on socioeconomic wellbeing, poverty, educational attainment, and opportunity youth.

# TUES. 10:00-10:45

### STATE UPDATE

**Presented by: Andrea Poole** 

## TUES. 11:00-11:45

# Making the Case for Financial Aid Outreach Communications

Karla Weber Wandel, University of Wisconsin- Madison & Kathy
Hastings NCSEAA

NCSEAA recently conducted research on FAFSA completion that suggests confusion remains about financial aid, FAFSA and a student's ability to pay for college. For many, college can seem out of reach, even though two thirds of all jobs will require some form of education beyond high school by 2025. In this session we share FAFSA research findings as well as a model of financial aid communications from Wisconsin that can inform a more proactive approach to financial aid communications at your institution.

# Top FAFSA Simplification Questions

Presented by: Dana Kelly, NASFAA

The biggest changes to the FAFSA in history will be implemented in the 2024-25 application cycle - are you ready? Explore the upcoming changes to the FAFSA, including direct data sharing with the IRS and a streamlined Federal Methodology, and learn more about the latest updates on implementation and NASFAA's Student Aid Index Modeling Tool. Discover what questions your colleagues are asking as we all prepare for the 2024-25 award year.

### How One School Estimated the Impact of the New FAFSA, and How You Can Too

**Presented by: Brad Barnett, NASFAA** 

The "go-live" date for significant changes to the Federal Methodology (FM) formula is rapidly approaching. When the 2024-25 FAFSA goes live the Student Aid Index (SAI) will replace the expected family contribution (EFC). Have you begun thinking about the impact the SAI will have on your packaging strategies, budgets, and other need-based aid programs? If not, it's time. In this session you'll see how James Madison University is using NASFAA's SAI Modeling Tool to estimate the financial impact this change will have, and to make an informed request to the institution's senior leadership for more funds to use for packaging in 2024-25.

# TUES. 1:00-2:45

### **SASFAA Update**

**Presented by: Daniel Barkowitz** 

### **NASFAA Update:**

**Presented by: Brad Barnett** 

# TUES. 3:00-4:00

# Professional Judgment Best Practices

Presented by: Dana Kelly, NASFAA

Professional judgment (PJ) is sometimes viewed as one of the more challenging aspects of Title IV program administration. There are both explicit and implicit guidelines that must be followed in relation to other aspects of Title IV federal student aid administration. This session will explore guiding principles and best practices that can be applied on your campus.





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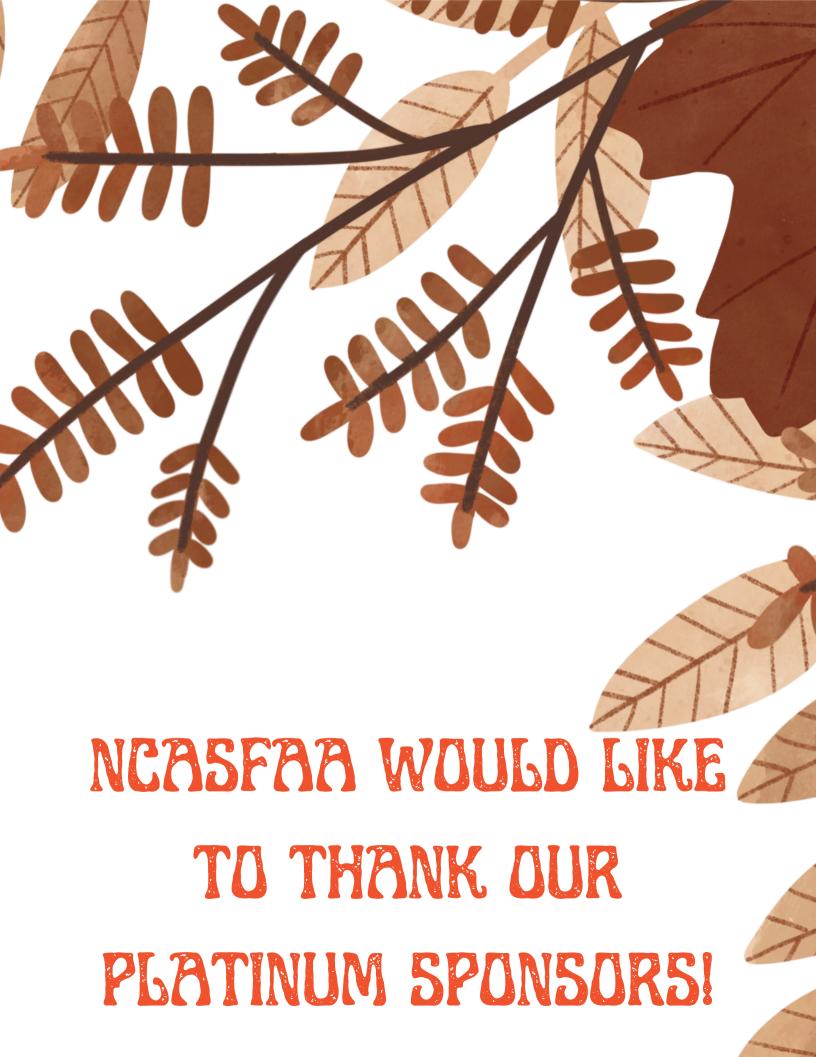


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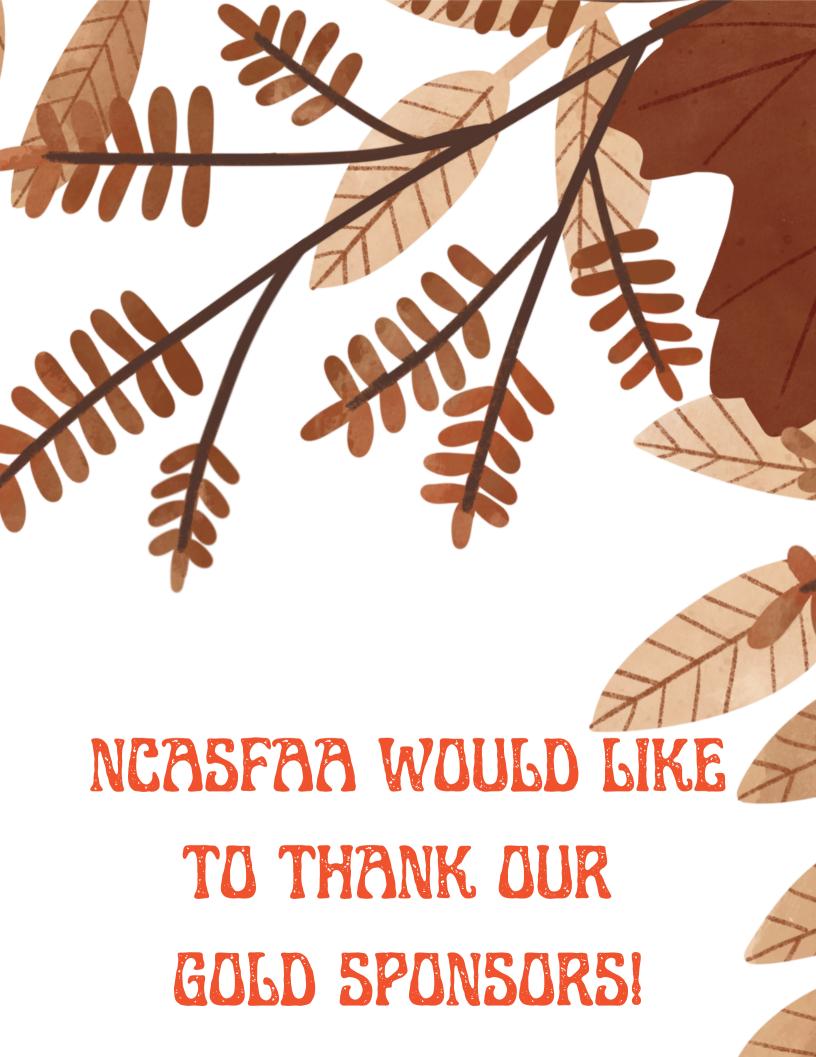
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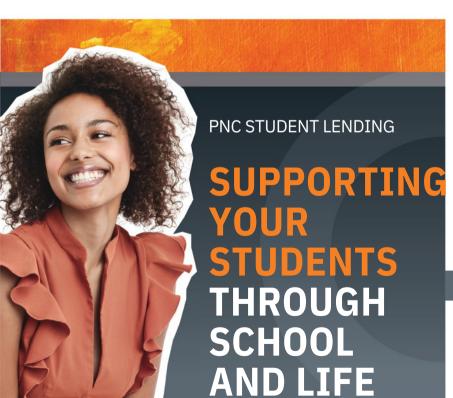
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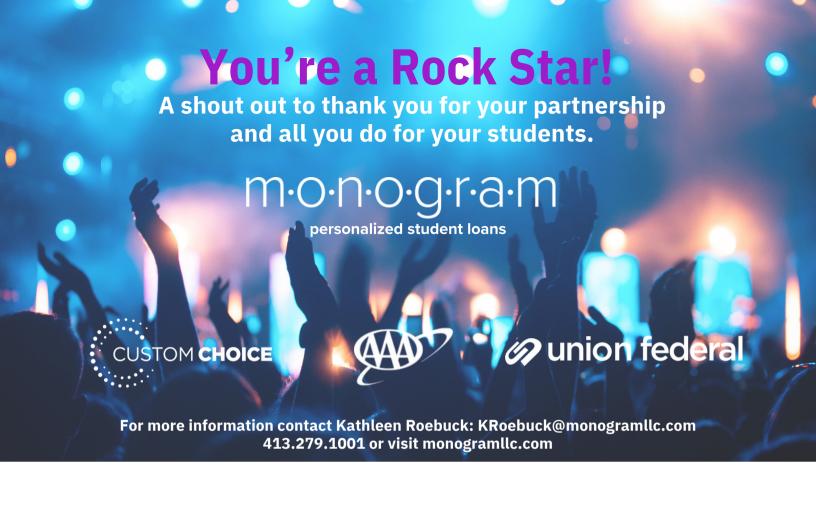
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