

# ILASFAA 2024 Conference – Tentative Agenda

## Monday, March 4

Time	Session	Location
8:00 am – 1:00 pm	Exhibitor Set-Up	Pre-Function Area
8:00 am – 4:00 pm	Registration Open	Pre-Function Area
8:30 am – 11:00 am	<b>Pre-Conference NASFAA Credentials</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Cost of Attendance</li> <li>Professional Judgement</li> </ul>	Brickyard VI Brickyard V
11:00 am – 5:00 pm	Exhibit Area Open	Pre-Function Area
11:15 am – 12:30 pm	General Session <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>President's Welcome</b> – <i>Elyse Weller</i></li> <li>Retiree Awards &amp; Years of Service</li> <li>Lunch</li> </ul>	Brickyard I-III
12:30 pm – 12:45 pm	General Session <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>MASFAA Update</b> – <i>Amanda Fijal, MASFAA President</i></li> </ul>	Brickyard I-III
12:45 pm – 1:00 pm	Vendor Introductions	Brickyard I-III
1:15 pm – 2:15 pm	Breakout Sessions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Self-Care in Public Service</b> - <i>Dada Ibrahimovic, ISAC</i></li> <li><b>Prison Education Programs: What You Need to Know</b> - <i>John Cage, Augustana College</i></li> <li><b>Taking the Alternative Application into the Future: A Review of the 2024-25 Application Process</b> - <i>Daniela Rios &amp; Manuel Talavera, ISAC</i></li> <li><b>Artificial Intelligence: What Is It and Is It Right for You?</b> - <i>Nick Vance, University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign</i></li> </ul>	Brickyard VI Brickyard V Brickyard I-III Brickyard IV
2:15 pm – 2:45 pm	<b>New Members – Meet &amp; Greet with ILASFAA Board Members</b> Snack Break & Vendor Time	Brickyard IV Pre-Function Area
2:45 pm – 3:45 pm	Breakout Sessions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>It's a Two-Way Street: Finding Motivation in a New Era of Work</b> - <i>Karina Diaz, Northern Illinois University &amp; Lauren Martin, DePaul University</i></li> <li><b>Federal Program Review Discussion</b> - <i>Elyse Weller, Southern Illinois University – Carbondale &amp; John Cage, Augustana College</i></li> <li><b>Refi vs. Consolidation</b> - <i>Kevin McNamara, Earnest Student Loans</i></li> <li><b>ISAC Outreach Services and Initiatives</b> - <i>Tommy Semanic, ISAC</i></li> <li><b>The Past and Future Flux Capacitors of Need Analysis -- EFC vs. SAI</b> - <i>Kim Eck, ISAC</i></li> </ul>	Brickyard VI Brickyard V Brookridge Brickyard IV Brickyard I-III
4:00 pm – 5:00 pm	<b>Sector Meetings</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Community Colleges</li> <li>Health Professions</li> <li>Private Colleges</li> <li>Proprietary Institutions</li> <li>Senior Public Institutions</li> </ul>	Brickyard VI Brookridge Brickyard V Brickyard IV Brickyard I-III
5:00 pm – 7:00 pm	Dinner on your own	
7:00 pm – 9:00 pm	Trivia Night	Brickyard I-III



# Tuesday, March 5

Time	Session	Location
8:00 am – 12:00 pm	Registration Desk Open	Pre-Function Area
9:00 am – 6:00 pm	Exhibit Area Open	Pre-Function Area
8:00 am – 9:00 am	Breakout Sessions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <b>Staying in Love with Financial Aid Even When It's Hard (and It's Usually Hard)</b> - <i>Michelle Trame, University of Illinois; Amanda Fijal, University of Chicago</i></li> <li>▪ <b>Great Scott! It's Time for an ISAC Program Review. What to Know and How to Prepare</b> - <i>Kim Eck, ISAC; Michael Shields, School of the Art Institute of Chicago; Amanda Bellino, DeVry University</i></li> <li>▪ <b>Customer Service in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century</b> - <i>Kevin McNamara, Earnest Student Loans</i></li> <li>▪ <b>A Quick Trip Through ISAC's New Programs and a Review of the Classics</b> - <i>Stephanie Claudio, ISAC</i></li> </ul>	Brickyard VI Brickyard V Brookridge Brickyard IV
9:15 am – 10:15 am	Breakout Sessions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <b>Gap Funding Discussions: PLUS, Private, Other?</b> - <i>Raina Chezem, ELM Resources</i></li> <li>▪ <b>Time to Recertify</b> - <i>John Cage, Augustana College</i></li> <li>▪ <b>Illinois Department of Veterans Affairs Update</b> - <i>Dan Wellman, IDVA</i></li> <li>▪ <b>Establishing Your Brand as a New/Aspiring Director</b> - <i>Tammy Harrison, Blue Icon Consulting</i></li> <li>▪ <b>Biffs, Bullies, and Bumpy Roads: Marty McFly Tips for Not Losing Your Cool</b> - <i>Dr. Sherene McHenry, CSP, LPC (Keynote Speaker)</i></li> </ul>	Brickyard VI Brookridge Brickyard V Brickyard IV Brickyard I-III
10:30 am – 11:30 am	General Session <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <b>Illinois Student Assistance Commission (ISAC) Update</b> – <i>Eric Zarnikow, Stephanie Schmitz-Bechteler &amp; Katharine Gricevich</i></li> </ul>	Brickyard I-III
11:45 am – 12:00 pm	General Session: Vendor introductions	Brickyard I-III
12:00 pm – 1:15 pm	Lunch & ILASFAA Business Meeting – <i>Elyse Weller</i>	Brickyard I-III
1:15 pm – 2:15 pm	General Session - Keynote Speaker <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <b>"Why Are Things So Heavy, Doc? Tools for Thriving Through Tough Times"</b> - <i>Dr. Sherene McHenry, CSP, LPC</i></li> </ul>	Brickyard I-III
2:30 pm – 3:30 pm	Breakout Sessions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <b>2024-25 Verification &amp; Comment Codes: What We Know So Far</b> <i>Katy Weisenberger, University of Wisconsin-Madison</i></li> <li>▪ <b>Higher Education Regulatory Outlook</b> - <i>Stephanie Cohan, Thompson Cobun LLP</i></li> <li>▪ <b>What You Need to Know About Federal Student Loan Repayment</b> - <i>Beth Groves, ISAC</i></li> <li>▪ <b>Mistakes You're Making with Your Policies and Procedures</b> - <i>Tammy Harrison, Blue Icon Consulting</i></li> </ul>	Brickyard VI Brickyard V Brookridge Brickyard IV



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Time	Session	Location
2:30 pm – 5:00 pm	Professional Photography Headshots Available	Northridge
3:30 pm – 4:00 pm	Snack Break & Vendor Time	Pre-Function Area
4:00 pm – 5:00 pm	<b>System Meetings</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Campus Solutions (Peoplesoft)</li><li>▪ Banner</li><li>▪ Colleague</li><li>▪ CAMS Enterprise</li><li>▪ PowerFAIDS/Jenzabar</li><li>▪ Homegrown/Other</li></ul>	Brickyard VI Brickyard V Brickyard IV Ironwood Brookridge Fox Creek
5:15 pm – 6:30 pm	Dinner, Awards and Elyse's Final Remarks	Brickyard I-III
6:30 pm – 9:30 pm	Entertainment - DJ	Brickyard IV & V



# Wednesday, March 6

Time	Session	Location
8:00 am – 9:00 am	Registration Desk Open	Pre-Function Area
9:00 am – 1:00 pm	Exhibit Area Open	Pre-Function Area
8:30 am – 9:30 am	Breakout Sessions: <b>“Birds of a Feather” Sessions by Role</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Directors</li> <li>▪ Counseling/Front Line Service</li> <li>▪ Leaders of People</li> <li>▪ Compliance/Training</li> <li>▪ Data and Systems</li> <li>▪ Loan Coordinators</li> </ul>	Brickyard VI Brickyard I-III Brickyard V Ironwood Brickyard IV Brookridge
9:45 am – 10:45 am	Breakout Sessions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <b>ISAC Beyond a Completion Percentage</b> - <i>Ana Moya, ISAC</i></li> <li>▪ <b>Great Scott! It’s Time for an ISAC Program Review. What to Know and How to Prepare</b> (Repeat) - <i>Kim Eck, ISAC; Michael Shields, School of the Art Institute of Chicago; Amanda Bellino, DeVry University</i></li> <li>▪ <b>Atomic Habits</b> - <i>Christina Rose, Citizens Bank</i></li> <li>▪ <b>Professional Judgement Panel</b> - <i>Scott Seibring, Illinois Wesleyan University; Janet Haynes, University of Illinois; Heidi Schmidt, Illinois State University Kyle Rindfleisch , Illinois Central College</i></li> <li>▪ <b>IL Policy Initiatives to Address College Student Homelessness and Basic Needs Insecurity</b> - <i>Ashley Lewis, IBHE &amp; Melissa Van, IBHE</i></li> </ul>	Brickyard VI Brickyard V  Brookridge Brickyard I-III  Brickyard IV
10:45 am – 11:00 am	Break	
11:00 am – 12:00 pm	General Session <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <b>NASFAA - Inside the Beltway/Federal Update</b> – <i>Justin Draeger, President, NASFAA</i></li> </ul>	Brickyard I-III
12:00 pm – 1:00 pm	Closing Ceremony <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Passing of the Gavel – <i>Elyse Weller</i></li> <li>▪ Sneak Peek of the ILASFAA 2025 Conference – <i>Bambie Roy</i></li> <li>▪ Grab &amp; Go Boxed Lunch</li> </ul>	Brickyard I-III

