

# 2024 ILASFAA Annual Conference March 4-6, 2024

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ILASFAA 2024  
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PRE-PANDEMIC POST-PANDEMIC

# Monday, March 4 Agenda

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	Pre-Conference NASFAA Credentials <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Cost of Attendance</li> <li>▪ Professional Judgment</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>▪ President’s Welcome – Elyse Weller</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>▪ MASFAA Update – Amanda Fijal, MASFAA President</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>▪ Self-Care in Public Service</li> <li>▪ Prison Education Programs: What You Need to Know</li> <li>▪ Taking the Alternative Application into the Future: A Review of the 2024-25 Application Process</li> <li>▪ Artificial Intelligence: What Is It and Is It Right for You?</li> </ul>	Brickyard VI Brickyard V Brickyard I-III Brickyard IV
2:15 pm – 2:45 pm	New Members–Meet & Greet with ILASFAA Board Members Snack Break & Vendor Time	Brickyard IV Pre-Function Area
2:45 pm – 3:45 pm	Breakout Sessions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ It’s a Two-Way Street: Finding Motivation in a New Era of Work</li> <li>▪ Federal Program Review Discussion</li> <li>▪ Refi vs. Consolidation</li> <li>▪ ISAC Outreach Services and Initiatives</li> <li>▪ The Past and Future Flux Capacitors of Need Analysis-- EFC vs. SAI</li> </ul>	Brickyard VI Brickyard V Brookridge Brickyard IV Brickyard I-III
4:00 pm – 5:00 pm	Sector Meetings <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 V Brookridge Brickyard VI 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 Agenda

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>Staying in Love with Financial Aid Even When It's Hard (and It's Usually Hard)</li> <li>Great Scott! It's Time for an ISAC Program Review. What to Know and How to Prepare.</li> <li>Customer Service in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century</li> <li>A Quick Trip Through ISAC's New Programs and a Review of the Classics</li> </ul>	Brickyard VI Brickyard V Brookridge Brickyard IV
9:15 am – 10:15 am	Breakout Sessions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Gap Funding Discussions: PLUS, Private, Other?</li> <li>Time to Recertify</li> <li>Illinois Department of Veterans Affairs Update</li> <li>Establishing Your Brand as a New/Aspiring Director</li> <li>Biffs, Bullies, and Bumpy Roads: Marty McFly Tips for Not Losing Your Cool (Keynote Speaker)</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>Illinois Student Assistance Commission (ISAC) Update – Roads? Where We're Going We Won't Need Roads? Eric Zarnikow, Stephanie Schmitz-Bechteler &amp; Katharine Gricevich</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 – Elyse Weller	Brickyard I-III
1:15 pm – 2:15 pm	General Session - Keynote Speaker <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>"Why Are Things So Heavy, Doc? Tools for Thriving Through Tough Times" - Dr. Sherene McHenry, CSP, LPC</li> </ul>	Brickyard I-III
2:30 pm – 3:30 pm	Breakout Sessions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2024-25 Verification &amp; Comment Codes: What We Know So Far</li> <li>Higher Education Regulatory Outlook</li> <li>What You Need to Know About Federal Student Loan Repayment</li> <li>Mistakes You're Making with Your Policies and Procedures</li> </ul>	Brickyard VI Brickyard V Brookridge Brickyard IV
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	System Meetings <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Campus Solutions (Peoplesoft)</li> <li>Banner</li> <li>Colleague</li> <li>Jenzabar</li> <li>PowerFAIDS</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 Agenda

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: “Birds of a Feather” Sessions by Role <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>▪ ISAC Beyond a Completion Percentage</li> <li>▪ Great Scott! It’s Time for an ISAC Program Review. What to Know and How to Prepare. (Repeat)</li> <li>▪ Atomic Habits</li> <li>▪ Professional Judgment Panel</li> <li>▪ Illinois Policy Initiatives to Address College Student Homelessness and Basic Needs Insecurity</li> </ul>	Brickyard VI Brickyard V  Brookridge Brickyard I-III Brickyard IV
11:00 am – 12:00 pm	General Session <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ NASFAA - Inside the Beltway/Federal Update Justin Draeger, President, NASFAA</li> </ul>	Brickyard I-III
12:00 pm – 1:00 pm	Closing Ceremony <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Passing of the Gavel – Elyse Weller</li> <li>▪ Sneak Peek of the ILASFAA 2025 Conference – Bambie Roy</li> <li>▪ Grab &amp; Go Boxed Lunch</li> </ul>	Brickyard I-III



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