

Joseph A. Russo received the Lifetime Membership Award—NASFAA's highest honor—in recognition for his dedicated support to NASFAA, its members, and the families we serve. In addition to 46 years of service in student aid with LeMoyne College, Genesee Community College, and the University of Notre Dame, he also served on the Advisory Committee for Student Financial Aid, has been a longtime member of the Financial Aid Standards and Advisory Committee, was inducted into the College Scholarship Services' Hall of Fame in 2004, and was also the recipient of the CSS Midwest Regional Assembly Distinguished Service Award.

Russo was the Executive Editor of the *Journal of Student Financial Aid* for more than 20 years, and has written numerous articles and books on student financial aid. He dedicated all of the proceeds of his second book, *The Art and Science of Student Aid Administration in the 21st Century* to NASFAA's Dallas Martin Fund for Education in Public Policy and Student Aid. Over the years he has earned NASFAA's Meritorious Achievement Award, Statement of Appreciation, and Robert P. Huff Golden Quill award.

In presenting Russo with the award, Laurie Wolf said that in his quiet and dignified manner, Russo has “dedicated himself to providing financial assistance to students and is an exemplary example to all of his colleagues in the financial aid profession.”

Clair “Micki” Roemer was re-presented with the Lifetime Membership Award; she had not been present to accept the award at the 2010 Conference in Denver. Roemer has provided leadership to the financial aid profession for over 30 years. She is past president of both TASFAA (1986-87) and SWASFAA (1991-92) and served as the NASFAA National Chair (1993-94). Roemer is known throughout TASFAA and the higher education community as a financial aid expert, administrator, facilitator, trainer/presenter, mentor, and friend.

She has testified in Congress for a number of hearings both federal and state, in an effort to bring legislators, the Department of Education, The TX Higher Education Coordinating Board, guarantors, and servicers into alignment with the needs of students, parents, and financial aid professionals. She encourages growth and self-assurance in her colleagues while developing their own independence and self direction for their role in higher education.

NASFAA honored 2010-11 National Chair *Laurie Wolf* with the Allan W. Purdy Distinguished Service Award for outstanding achievement in furthering NASFAA's goals, and for her significant contributions over a sustained period of time. Wolf has been in the financial aid profession for more than 23 years, serving students and families in Iowa. She is active in her Iowa state association, where she served as 2001-02 President; her regional association of MASFAA, where she served as Delegate-at-Large and chaired numerous committees; and as a NASFAA Commission Director, Representative at Large to the Board of Directors, Chair of the Reauthorization Task Force, and 2010-11 National Chair. Drawing on her expertise as a financial aid

professional, trainer, and regulatory compliance officer, as well as her knowledge of legislative policy, she has effectively guided and voiced NASFAA's concerns and the needs of students. Her ongoing dedication demonstrates her deep commitment to promoting student access to postsecondary education.

Honors and Memories: The 2010-11 NASFAA Awards



Laura W. Perna earned the **Robert P. Huff Golden Quill Award** for outstanding contributions to the literature on student financial aid. NASFAA recognized Perna for her influential research and publications on college education, college finance and affordability, and equity in higher education. Her deep commitment to expanding college access is made clear by her prolific scholarly publications through several highly-respected educational journals, *American Education Research Journal*, *Educational Researcher*, *Journal of Higher Education*, and NASFAA's *Journal of Student Financial Aid*.

Perna's extensive research has drawn several prestigious research grants from the U.S. Department of Education, the Lumina Foundation, and American Educational Research Association. She serves on numerous educational review panels and boards, such as National Center for Education Statistics, National Council of Higher Education Loan Programs, Thurgood Marshall Fund. Perna is a professor in the University of Pennsylvania's Graduate School of Education.

NASFAA honored Larry Zaglaniczny with the **Meritorious Achievement Award**. Zaglaniczny has been a specialist in governmental affairs for national higher education organizations for over 30 years. He has been a chief congressional postsecondary education committee aide, has Hill expertise as well as expertise in legislative issues and in lobbying campaigns that support associations' priorities with an overwhelming breadth of knowledge of the issues facing postsecondary education.

Zaglaniczny served as NASFAA's Vice President of Governmental Relations from 1989-2008. He helped develop and plan NASFAA's legislative and regulatory goals in collaboration with NASFAA's President, Board of Directors, membership, and staff. His constant communication with key congressional and executive department officials and other decision makers was instrumental in implementing NASFAA's policy agenda and the association's legislative and regulatory goals.

Accepting the award, Zaglaniczny thanked NASFAA's Chair and members and recognized Dr. Dallas Martin, Joan Crissman, Joan Berkes, and all his friends and colleagues on the staff and in the higher education community. He urged financial aid administrators to protest proposed cuts to key federal student aid programs.

NASFAA introduced the **Gold Star Award** at its 2011 Conference. The Gold Star recognizes innovative ideas in the financial aid arena at any level, targeted toward any student aid constituency. **Vernon College** earned the Gold Star for their submission of "Quizdom Clickers." Using handheld electronic survey clickers, presenters asked students multiple choice or true/false questions throughout a presentation on important financial aid concepts. These intermittent surveys gave presenters instant feedback, indicating areas where students needed additional information. When compared to a control group without clickers, clicker participants scored higher than control group students on every question. Feedback from both students and counselors was positive.

Regional Leadership Awards

NASFAA bestows the NASFAA State and Regional Leadership Award on one notable individual in each region who:

- Exhibits high integrity and character
- Has shown creative leadership and has inspired and encouraged others to actively participate in professional development
- Has made outstanding contributions at the regional and state levels over a sustained period of time, and
- Supports the goals and objectives of NASFAA.

This year's honorees, who received their awards at their regional meetings, are:

EASFAA: Mary Miller serves on the Pennsylvania Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators Finance and Development Committee. She demonstrates leadership through her selfless efforts to the student aid community; she is always one of the first to volunteer to help more students to achieve their higher education goals.

MASFAA: Candi Frazier has displayed her leadership as West Virginia State President and has been awarded the MASFAA State Leadership Award for her dedication over a number of years to the financial aid profession. She has always been willing to help out whenever needed by anyone at her institution or within the association.



National Chair Laurie Wolf (l) with Larry Zaglaniczny and his wife Holly Zaglaniczny (r).

RMASFAA: Mary Sommers has been a longtime leader at the state level in Montana and Nebraska, and in the RMASFAA Region. She is an enthusiastic trainer as well as a mentor to many RMASFAA student aid professionals. She has served as RMASFAA Regional President and as Summer Institute Chair, and is currently the Vice-Chair of the RMASFAA Pipeline Committee.

SASFAA: David Mohning has made outstanding contributions of his knowledge and time with active service on NASFAA, SASFAA, and TASFAA committees. He has served as TASFAA President and been awarded the TASFAA Distinguished Service Award. He has also served NASFAA as a Representative at Large, Commission Director, member of the Finance Committee, and member of NASFAA's Presidential Search Committee in 2010.

SWASFAA: Rick Renshaw has gone beyond the call of duty in both TASFAA and SWASFAA as he has served as President and as Chair of numerous committees. He currently serves as a Commission Director for NASFAA. His efforts have made a positive and lasting impression on all of the associations in which he has been involved.

WASFAA: Jim White has given greatly of himself to the financial aid profession on state and regional levels. He has been President of the Washington Financial Aid Association (WFAA) and the Western Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators (WASFAA), served on various NASFAA Committees, and was the Chair of the 2006 NASFAA Annual Conference in Seattle.



National Chair Laurie Wolf (l) with Clair "Micki" Roemer (r)

Ray Purdy, accepted a special proclamation recognizing the dedicated service of his father, Allan W. Purdy, the founding president of NASFAA.

"When Allan W. Purdy passed away on October 14, 2010, at age 96, we lost the founder of our professional association.... His life's work in promoting access to higher education will continue to change the lives of students and their families, and have infinite global and national impact, long into the future. Allan Purdy dedicated his life to removing financial barriers to higher education and the awards and scholarships that are named after him are a testament to his hard work and dedication to this purpose."

*National Chair Laurie Wolf
with Ray Purdy*



Committee of the Year

This year two NASFAA committees were honored with the coveted title of Committee of the Year: The National Conference Committee and the Leadership Development and Professional Advancement Committee. Congratulations to the hard-working members of both committees!

NASFAA Conference Committee

Richard Woodland, Chair
Gordon Koff, Commission Director
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