



Mary Sommers

Director of Financial Aid at University of Nebraska at Kearney

Mary Sommers recently retired after 30 years in the office of financial aid at the University of Nebraska at Kearney where she served as director. She began working in higher education at Rocky Mountain College in Billings, MT in 1989, starting in admissions and moving into the financial aid office shortly thereafter. Active in NASFAA, Mary has been a member of the Board of Directors and was the inaugural chair of the NASFAA Ethics Commission. She is the proud recipient of NASFAA's Lifetime Membership award in 2022 and NASFAA's Meritorious Achievement Award in 2012. She has chaired the NASFAA Leadership Conference Compliance Track. Mary has served as a state and regional president of NeASFAA and RNASFAA respectively. As a Blue Icon consultant, she enjoys helping financial aid professionals with policies and procedures, scholarship management and navigating campus politics.