

Anne McDermott
STATEMENT OF CANDIDACY
Representative-at-Large

I'm honored for the opportunity and respectfully submit my candidacy for NASFAA Representative-at-Large. For as long as I've worked in financial aid, I've believed that what we do changes lives. Every conversation with a student or family, every policy we interpret, and every financial aid offer we make has the power to open doors that might otherwise stay closed. That's what keeps me passionate about our work and this profession.

I have had the honor of serving in many association leadership roles at the state, regional, and national levels that have shaped my perspective. Through each of these experiences, I've come to deeply appreciate the power of connection. Networking has been one of the most rewarding parts of my career; learning from peers, collaborating on tough challenges, and helping new professionals find their footing. I'm passionate about bringing new people into our associations because it strengthens our community and keeps our profession growing and evolving.

NASFAA is the backbone of our profession; a source of training, advocacy, and connection that keeps us grounded and inspired. As Representative-at-Large, I would welcome the opportunity to represent our members collective voice and ensure our shared priorities are represented thoughtfully. Financial aid professionals are problem-solvers, advocates, and educators at heart. We take complicated systems and turn them into hope and opportunity. I would be honored to represent our community and to help NASFAA continue its important work of leading, connecting, and inspiring our profession.

Thank you for your consideration!

REPRESENTATIVE-AT-LARGE RESUME

NAME: Anne McDermott

REGION: EASFAA

CURRENT POSITION: Assistant Vice President of Enrollment/Chief Financial Aid Officer
From: October 2024
Salve Regina University, RI

PREVIOUS POSITIONS: Director of Financial Aid
From: January 2015
Salve Regina University, Newport, RI

From: August 2013
Director of Financial Aid
Montserrat College of Art, Beverly, MA

From: January 2009
Director of Financial Aid
Fisher College, Boston, MA

EDUCATION: M.B.A, Applied Management
Daniel Webster College
Nashua, NH 2007

B.S., Marketing
Pam Beach Atlantic University
West Palm Beach, FL – May 2001

TYPE OF INSTITUTION: Private, 4 year

SUMMARY OF PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES:

NASFAA	2025-2026	NASFAA Association Governance Committee
	2025	NASFAA 100+ club, FAAC
	2025	NASFAA CFAA Prep Course Trainer
	2024-2025	NASFAA Association Governance Committee
	2024-2025	Policy Rapid Response Network Taskforce
	2024	NASFAA Leadership Conference Presenter
	2024	NASFAA CFAA Prep Course Trainer
	2023-2024	NASFAA Board of Directors, Regional Representative
	2023-2024	NASFAA Awards Committee Member
	2023-2024	Policy Rapid Response Network Taskforce
	2022-2023	NASFAA Board of Directors (Observer), Regional Representative
	2022	NASFAA Leadership Conference Presenter
	2019-current	Credential Trainer
		Credentials Earned:

FAAC® - Certified Financial Aid Administrator
Student Eligibility, Satisfactory Academic Progress, Return of Title IV, Packaging & Notification of Awards, Professional Judgment, Cost of Attendance, Consumer Information, Administrative Capability

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EASFAA	2025	EASFAA Conference Co-Chair
	2025	EASFAA Finance Committee Member
	2025	EASFAA Conference Presenter
	2024	EASFAA Conference Presenter
	2023-2024	EASFAA Past President
	2023-2024	EASFAA Nominations and Elections Chair
	2023-2024	EASFAA Connects Committee Member, Mentor
	2022-2023	EASFAA President
	2022-2023	EASFAA Connects Committee Member, Mentor
	2021-2022	EASFAA President Elect
	2021-2022	EASFAA Finance Committee Member
	2020	EASFAA Committee of the Year Recipient (co-chair)
	2020-2021	EASFAA Conference Co-Chair (Virtual)
	2019-2020	EASFAA Conference Committee Member
	2019	EASFAA Outstanding State Representative of the Year
	2018-2020	EASFAA State Representative, Rhode Island
RIASFAA	2022	50 th Anniversary of the Pell Grant Event Organizer
	2019-2020	RIASFAA President
	2019-2020	RIASFAA Conference Chair (Virtual)
	2019	RIASFAA/Senator Reed Financial Aid Night Presenter
	2018-2019	RIASFAA President
	2018-2019	RIASFAA Conference Chair
	2018	RIASFAA/Senator Reed Financial Aid Night Presenter
	2017-2018	RIASFAA President Elect
OTHER	2025	NSEA Student Employment Essentials Certificate
	2024	Student Government Association Outstanding Partner Award
	2023	Living the Mission Award Recipient
	2020-2021	Strategic Compass Steering Committee (Long Range Strategic Plan)
	2019	Exceptional Partner in Student Affairs Award
SELECT CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS		
NATIONAL	2024	<i>"Bridging the Gap: Succession Planning"</i>
	2022	<i>"Retaining Talented Employees"</i>
REGIONAL	2025	<i>"Advanced Skills for Aspiring Financial Aid Directors"</i>
	2023	<i>"Maximizing Performance using a Strengths Based Approach"</i>
	2022	<i>"Adapting and Succeeding Through Change"</i>
STATE	2019	<i>"Financial Factors in the College Decision Making Process"</i>