

Daniel T. Barkowitz
STATEMENT OF CANDIDACY
Representative-at-Large

I've spent more than three decades in financial aid, and I still wake up every day amazed that we get to help students transform their lives. I'm running for NASFAA Representative-at-Large because I believe in this profession, in the people who do this work, and in the power of our collective voice. From my start as a student working as a summer customer service assistant for a loan servicing agent to my current role as Assistant Vice President of Student Financial Assistance and Employment at the University of Miami, I've learned that leadership isn't about titles—it's about listening, connecting, and lifting others up. I've served at every level—state, regional, and national—and I still get excited when someone discovers that "FAFSA" isn't a four-letter word. I bring humor, heart, and a history of building bridges across roles and regions. As your Representative-at-Large, I'll bring curiosity, candor, and care to the Board table – always keeping our mission, our students, and you to the center of every decision. I will listen closely, represent faithfully, and help chart a future that empowers every NASFAA member to better serve students. And in these times of transformational change, I'll draw on experience, creativity, and a healthy dose of optimism to help NASFAA not just adapt – but lead – with courage, compassion, and clarity of purpose.

REPRESENTATIVE-AT-LARGE RESUME

NAME: Daniel T. Barkowitz

REGION: SASFAA

CURRENT POSITION: Assistant Vice President, Student Financial Assistance and Employment
Since: July 2022 University of Miami, Coral Gables, FL

SELECTED PREVIOUS POSITIONS:

2017 to 2022 Assistant Vice President, Financial Aid and Veterans Affairs
Valencia College, Orlando, FL

2015 to 2017 Dean, Enrollment Management
St. Johns River State College, Palatka, FL

2011 to 2015 Executive Director
Temple Beth Shalom, Needham, MA

2009 to 2011 Dean of Financial Aid / Associate Dean of Student Affairs
Columbia University, New York, NY

2003 to 2009 Director, Student Financial Aid and Employment
Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Cambridge, MA

2000 to 2002 Consultant / Sales Manager
Cedar Group, Baltimore, MD

1996 to 2000 Director, Financial Aid
Lasell College, Newton, MA

1992 to 1996 Director of Operations and Training
MEFA (Massachusetts Educational Financial Authority), Boston, MA

EDUCATION:

Certificate in Professional Fundraising
Boston University
Boston, MA – December 2011

M. Ed., Human Resource Education
Boston University
Boston, MA - May 1998

B.Sc., History
Northeastern University
Boston, MA – June 1991

TYPE OF INSTITUTION: Not-for-profit, R1 research University, with undergraduate, graduate, law, medical and online graduate programs

DANIEL BARKOWITZ, PROFESSIONAL RESUME

NASFAA CERTIFICATIONS: Certified Financial Aid Administrator, (FAAC® designation), expires 6/15/2022

NASFAA CREDENTIALS: Cash Management, Packaging and Notification of Awards, Professional Judgment, Return of Title IV Funds, and Student Eligibility

SUMMARY OF PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES:

NASFAA	2025-Present	Leadership and Legislative Conference & Expo SEM Track Task Force Member
	2025	NASFAA Meritorious Achievement Award Recipient
	2023-24	Board of Directors Observer
	2023-24	Test Development Volunteer
	2023-24	Career Path Awareness for FA Administrators Thought Force
	2022-23	Advancing the Profession Task Force
	2021-22	Leadership and Legislative Conference & Expo Succession Planning Track Task Force Member
	2020-21	State Advocacy Task Force
	2020	FSA Partner Experience Council Member
	2019-22	CFAA Commission, Inaugural Chair 2019-20, Past Chair 2020-21
	2019	CFAA Implementation Working Group, Chair
	2018-21	Ethics Committee Member
	2018-19	Leadership and Legislative Conference & Expo Strategic Enrollment Track Task Force Member
	2016-17	Angoff Study Judge
	2017	NASFAA U Online Courses Product Examination Group
	2015-16/2020-Present	Policy Rapid Response Network Task Force
	2008-09	Technology Initiatives Committee
	2007-09/2010-11	Editorial Board, Journal of Student Financial Aid
	Various	Conference Presenter, Moderator, Mentor
SASFAA	2025-Present	Leadership Development Mentor
	2022-25	SASFAA President (President Elect, 2022-23, President 2023-24, Past President, 2024-25)
	2020-21	Leadership Development Task Force Member
	2019-20	Board Member
	2018-Present	Technical Committee, Member
	2017	Enrollment Management Forum Task Force and Faculty
	2016-Present	Conference Presenter, Pre-Conference Presenter, Moderator
FASFAA	2022	Distinguished Service Award Recipient
	2018-21	President (President-Elect 2018-19, President 2019-20, Past President 2020-21)
	2020	NASFAA Gold Star Winning Team Member, Clock Hour Workshop
	2019	President's Recognition Award Winner
	2015-Present	Conference Presenter, Pre-Conference Presenter, Moderator
EASFAA		Professional Development Committee Member
	All dates are 2011 and prior	Conference Presenter

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MASFAA (Massachusetts)

All dates are 2009 and prior

Recipient of MASFAA's Presidential Award (1996)
Executive Board Member
Chair, Professional Development and Training
Chair, Annual Conference
Chair, Newsletter
Chair, Just the FACTS Training for New Aid Officers
Technology Committee Member
Conference Committee Member and Session Presenter

OTHER

2024-Present

2004-11

Various

2016-Present

NCAN Advisory Task Force
586 Group, Member of Technical Committee and
Chair, International Needs Analysis Sub-Committee
Member of FAFSA Design Team, Federal Student Aid
Florida College Access Network (FCAN), Strategic Planning
Committee Member, Mission Committee Member,
Summit Planning Team, Top Influencer Award Recipient,
General Session and Conference Session Presenter