WELCOME

Dear Colleagues,

We're off to the races! On behalf of the Conference Committee, we welcome you to the 2013 Spring WVASFAA Conference, which we hope will be a valuable use of your time.

As financial aid professionals, we are accustomed to embracing change, but the near future is begging for even more significant change. Patterns of public expenditures and tuition growth of recent decades are not sustainable. As a society we are reaching an impasse as our ability or willingness to pay for higher education, individually or collectively, is declining. The cry for a more direct path to employment, in less time, at lower cost, with less debt must be heard inside the campus walls.

This conference program provides you with a mix of sessions that not only will assist you with tactical issues you must implement right now for purposes of transparency and accountability, but also provide you a broader look at the trends and necessary actions to achieve greater success with the goal of college completion.

We would like to thank our featured guest speaker, Dr. Paul Hill, Chancellor, HEPC, and all other presenters for taking their valuable time to conduct our sessions. In addition, we especially welcome our colleagues from the WV Division of Rehabilitation Services (DRS); we look forward to a strong and continuous working relationship with you in our mutual desire to have our students succeed academically and ultimately achieve favorable employment outcomes.

Sincerely,

Kathy Bialk

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Program Chair

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