

I have always been an advocate for financial aid administrators (FAA) whose critical role of processing financial aid at their institution of higher education is often overlooked or unknown by senior leadership.

I was the Maine State Representative to EASFAA from 2021 to 2022. In 2023 as president of the Maine Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators (MASFAA), I advocated directly for students for an inflation adjusted Maine State Grant by testifying before the Maine legislature.

I helped revitalize Maine MASFAA by increasing membership from 68 members to 112.

I collaborated on numerous occasions with other New England financial aid associations on various training topics including Neurodiversity and teaching FAA's on how to advocate for themselves with their school leadership when it came to compensation, etc.

In 2023 I met with the Finance Authority of Maine on several occasions on the need for a supplemental state grant to assist students who will be negatively affected by the new FAFSA and the possible decrease or loss of the Pell Grant.

In 2022 and 2023 I worked directly with United Way of Southern Maine to assist in DEI efforts with a focus on the new Angolan and Congolese Asylum Seekers living in Maine.