



EASFAA Elections Candidate Statement 2024-2025

Name:	Douglas Wilson
School:	Kean University
Title:	Director of Financial Aid

<p>Statement of Candidacy (in 300 words or less)</p>	<p>Within the last 12 months, how often has your institution’s senior leadership asked you one or more of following: “When will next year’s FAFSA be available?” “How long before we receive FAFSA records?” “What’s this I read about delays and technical issues?” “When will incoming students be awarded FAFSA?” (Yes, that’s coming from administrators!)</p> <p>FAFSA Simplification has been anything but simple, and the near future does not appear much brighter. Combined with the loan repayment pause expiration and mixed messages on loan discharges, students and borrowers want answers as well.</p> <p>It’s hard to imagine addressing these concerns – and navigating this profession - without the support, networking, advocacy and other activities of our associations. Through its robust training and professional development offerings, EASFAA has been – and always will be - supportive of your campus’ student financing needs.</p> <p>EASFAA leadership is not limited to the Executive Council members and chairpersons. Our decisions are derived from your feedback, survey responses, and volunteerism – all of which are as essential as training and conference attendance.</p> <p>Campaign stuff: It would be a privilege and honor to serve in this capacity. If you vote for me (or not), I pledge to represent EASFAA proudly at the regional and national levels, as well as listen to the needs of individual state associations. Our Council will represent backgrounds as diverse as the entire membership, and we will govern in a compliant and fiscally responsible manner.</p>
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	<p>Qualification stuff:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Over 30 years as aid professional in NY, NJ and DE • Over 15 years of volunteerism at state, regional and national levels • State, Regional Past Treasurer • State Past President • Presenter, Moderator at State and Regional Events • MBA-Rutgers; BS-Penn State (We are!) <p>Thank you for this opportunity.</p>
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<p>EASF AA Related Activities:</p>	<p>Treasurer 2019-2023 Strategic Plan Committee Member 2021-2022 Member at Large 2024-2025</p>
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<p>Other Association Activities (State, Other Regional or NASFAA):</p>	<p><u>NJASFAA</u> President 2013-2014 Treasurer 2009-2010, 2011-2012 Member at Large 2008-2009 <u>NASFAA</u> Conference Program Task Force member 2024-2025</p>
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<p>Awards, Honors, Recognitions:</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Certified Financial Aid Administrator® • EASF AA <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Leadership Award, 2024 ○ President’s Recognition for Service to the Association, 2022 • NJASFAA <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ President’s Award, 2014 ○ Arthur Richmond Distinguished Service Award, 2012 ○ Young Leaders Award, 2009
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