

Stories Uncovered through Financial Aid and Awards

2019 ASAP Annual Conference & General Meeting

April 4 and April 5

Thursday, April 4, 2019	
7:30 am – 9:00 am Pender Island Ballroom	Check In and Hot Breakfast (hosted)
9:00 am – 9:30 am Pender Island Ballroom	Conference Opening by Karen McKittrick-Twaites (MC) Traditional Land Acknowledgement and Cultural Performance Welcome from Jeff Vasey, Assistant Deputy Minister
9:30 am – 10:30 am Pender Island Ballroom	<p>Keynote Presentation by Karen Charleson Threads That Connect Us: Student Financial Aid and One West Coast Family</p> <p>Karen Charleson is a writer and educator. She is the author of the novel <i>Through Different Eyes</i> (Signature Editions, 2017), science textbooks (McGraw-Hill Ryerson), and a variety of essays, reviews, and articles. Karen is a member of the Hesquiaht First Nation and the House of Kinquashtakumtlh. With her husband Stephen Charleson, they have raised six children and now have growing numbers of grandchildren.</p> <p>The thread of student financial assistance weaves its way through Karen and Steve's growing family and the outdoor leadership school that they continue to operate. Karen shares stories about family life and learning in Hesquiaht traditional territories on the west coast of Vancouver Island.</p>
10:30 am – 10:45 am	Refreshment Break
10:45 am – Noon Pender Island Ballroom	<p>StudentAid BC Overview, Updates and Direction for 2019-20</p> <p>Kelly McConnan (Executive Director, StudentAid BC) and the StudentAid BC leadership team, will provide an overview of StudentAid BC, updates on key initiatives underway, highlight service delivery stats and financial figures from the past program year, and share what to expect for student aid in 2019-20.</p>
Noon – 1:30 pm	Lunch (hosted)
1:30 pm – 2:30 pm Pender Island Ballroom	<p>CSLP Updates presented by Dominic Demers and Agata Frankowicz</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Impact of previous budget initiatives: Overview of increased uptake as a result of previous budget initiatives Federal Budget 2019: Update on the initiatives recently announced Transformation Update: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Update on the electronic registration/authentication process and electronic Master Student Financial Assistance Agreement (eMSFAA) that was implemented for full-time students in April 2018 Approach to transformation (plan is to implement enhancements over multiple phases over the next 2-3 years) Upcoming Spring 2019 release, including electronic registration/authentication and eMSFAA for part-time students and the migration of existing borrowers to the electronic authentication process (using GCKey/SecureKey)

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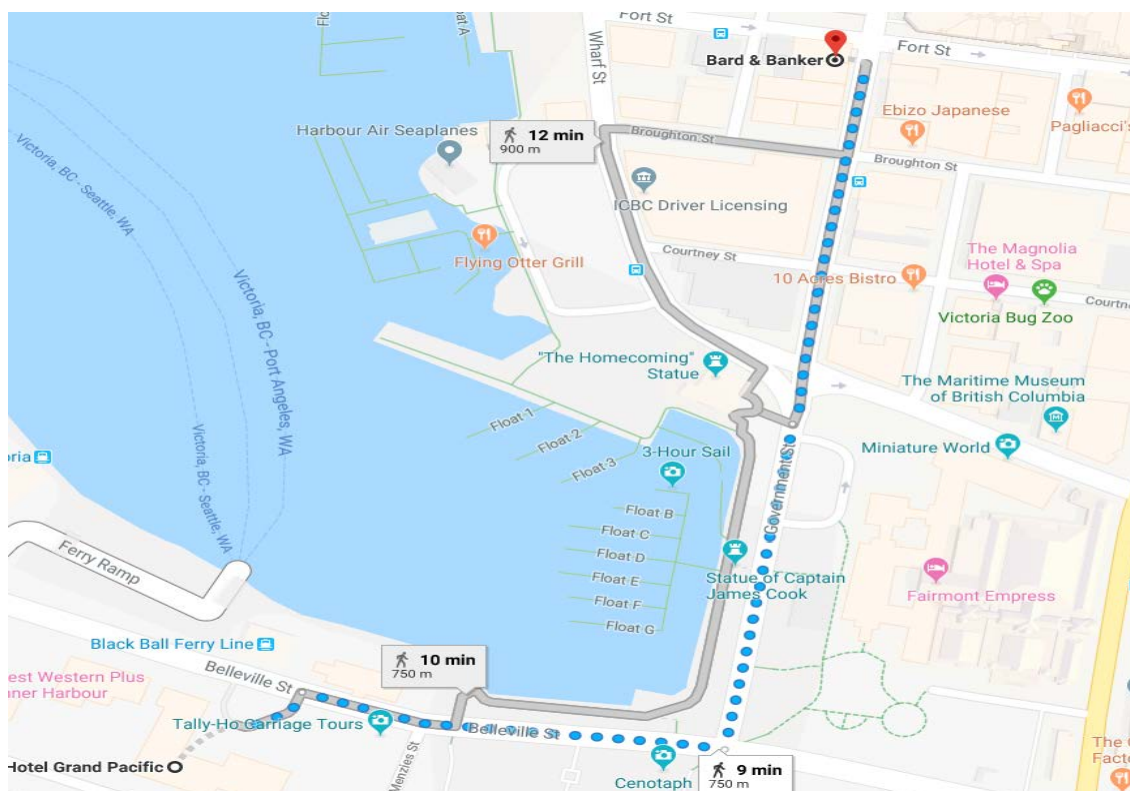
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2:30 pm – 2:45 pm	Refreshment Break
2:45 pm – 4 pm Pender Island Ballroom	Supports for Former Youth in Care Roundtable Conversation Tony Nelson (StudentAid BC), William Litchfield (Vancouver Island University), Kim Winchell (Youth Futures Education Fund) and a student receiving a provincial tuition waiver will engage in a roundtable talk moderated by Karen McKittrick-Twaites on the current state of wrap-around supports for former youth in care on campuses, what's included and what these supports may look like in the future.
4 pm	Wrap up for the day, door prize draws
5 – 7 pm	Social Reception at Bard and Banker with appetizers and drinks (optional).
7 – 8 pm	Historical or Ghost Walk tour of Victoria departing from Bard and Banker (optional event, tickets included only for those that chose to participate).

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**How to get to the Bard and Banker from the Hotel Grand Pacific:
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7:30 am – 9:00 am Vancouver Island Ballroom	Hot Breakfast in the Vancouver Island Ballroom (hosted)
9:00 am – 9:45 am Vancouver Island Ballroom	ASAP AGM – ASAP Members only
9:45 am – 10:45 am Vancouver Island Ballroom	<p>CPA Presentation on Financial Literacy</p> <p>Edward Goodfellow, B.Comm., CIM, FCSI, (CA) CPA, CFA has been involved in finance and accounting for more than 25 years, with 14 years of experience teaching. Goodfellow began his professional career with the international accounting firm of KPMG, working in both Victoria BC and Curacao, NA. In 1996, he returned to Canada to work with RBC Dominion Securities. He has been a portfolio manager with Phillips Hager North and CIBC Wood Gundy, and has been with PI Financial Corp since 2008. He has taught finance and accounting at Camosun College and for the Certified Management Accountants of BC (CMA). Goodfellow has also been an associate faculty member at Royal Roads in since 2007.</p> <p>Edward Goodfellow will present on CPA Canada's in-school financial literacy program that focuses on teaching students the basic concepts and skills needed to make smart financial decisions. The workshop for Post-Secondary students is meant to educate students on how credit works, what debt can do to future plans, and how to take practical steps to take control of their finances. This session will hopefully lead to partnerships between PSI and their local CPAs willing to conduct these types of workshops for our students.</p>
10:45 am – 11 am	Refreshment Break (Vancouver Island Ballroom)
11 am – 12:15 pm Pender Island Ballroom	<p>StudentAid BC Session A: Changes in Student Circumstances and Unique Situations</p> <p>Join Alys Pivetta (Director, Service Delivery, StudentAid BC) and the StudentAid BC Case Review Team, for an overview of the appeals process, including a detailed look at appeals submitted in the past year and helpful tips to share with students as they consider appealing a SABC decision. Topics to be covered will include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What can a student appeal? • What does an exceptional circumstance look like? • How many appeals does SABC get every year and how are they evaluated? • Why can it take so long? • Which appeal request form does a student need to fill out? <p>Bring your questions as we share the inner workings of the Case Review team and hear your suggestions for ways we can continue to make the process better!</p>
11 am – 12:15 pm Vancouver Island Ballroom	<p>StudentAid BC Session B: B.C. Default Prevention, Repayment Assistance and Loan Rehabilitation</p> <p>Presented by Janine Grouette, Director, StudentAid BC Finance and Governance, Ministry of Finance. This session will cover the following topics:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • B.C. Default Prevention <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Review of the repayment process – what communications borrowers receive, why and when approaching repayment, in good standing and in default (actual copies of letters and agreements will be on hand)

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • B.C. Repayment Assistance Plan <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Policy review – StudentAid BC and Canada Student Loans programs • B.C. Loan Rehabilitation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Process walk-through ◦ Why rehab? ◦ Uptake stats
12:15 pm – 1:30 pm	Lunch and door prizes (hosted) Vancouver Island Ballroom
1:30 pm – 2:30 pm Vancouver Island Ballroom	<p>Session A: Roundtable Conversation on Scholarships and Awards</p> <p>Award programs differ from one school to the next, to meet institutional, governmental and student needs. Jeff Hsiao, our ASAP Treasurer, will be moderating this session involving four panelists from the Irving K. Barber Scholarship Society, UBC, KPU and Langara College who support award programs at different institutions/organizations, to learn more about what they are seeing in their current programs, new ones emerging, and what we are all collectively learning about our student populations in BC. This interactive session will have a short opening piece from each panelist and then be opened up to questions from the audience.</p>
1:30 pm – 2:30 pm Pender Island Ballroom	<p>Session B: Adult Upgrading Grant Overview</p> <p>Louis Chen (Senior Policy Analyst, Post-Secondary Programs Branch, Ministry of Advanced Education, Skills and Training) and Crystal Shullman (Selkirk College) will offer an overview of the Adult Upgrading Grant for students who attend public post-secondary institutions. Be sure to take in this session to learn about some exciting policy changes that were implemented April 1st.</p> <p>Louis and Crystal will cover topics that include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What is the Adult Upgrading Grant (AUG)? • Who is eligible for funding through the AUG? • How is the grant administered? • What are some of the policies around academic progression for students who access the AUG? What will the most recent policy changes mean for students? For institutions?
2:30 pm – 2:45 pm	Refreshment Break (in both Pender and Vancouver Island Ballrooms)
2:45 pm - 4 pm Pender Island Ballroom	<p>Session C: StudentAid BC Modernization</p> <p>Presented by Jennifer Wray (Executive Director), Laura Hutchinson (Director, Digital Delivery and Integration), and Ben Ferrel (Director, Policy and Stakeholder Engagement, Digital Services Innovation Branch, Ministry of Advanced Education, Skills and Training).</p> <p><i>The Modernizing StudentAid BC Initiative is a multi-year transformation project that will result in a more streamlined, flexible and efficient student financial assistance system for students and post-secondary institutions. Join Jennifer Wray (Executive Director, Digital Service Innovation Branch) and the Digital Service Innovation Branch leadership team, for an overview of the Modernization project including how the project team is using agile and service design principles to improve digital services for students and our stakeholders.</i></p>

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2:45 pm - 4 pm Vancouver Island Ballroom	Session D: StudentAid BC – Programs for Students with Disabilities Presented by Miles Stratholt, Senior Policy Analyst, StudentAid BC. StudentAid BC's Targeted Learner Supports Unit will present an overview of the financial supports available to students with disabilities and will be available to field questions and discuss any disability-related topics. Topics covered will include: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Federal and Provincial Financial Aid Programs• Federal and Provincial Equipment and Services Programs• Institution Accommodation Supports Programs• Ministry/Institution/Jurisdiction Consultation Processes We are happy to hear your suggestions and insights on how we can continue to improve supports for students with disabilities.
4 pm	Closing Remarks

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