

GAVCO 2017 CONFERENCE PROGRAM
Celebrating 11 Years of Service to Georgia
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Conference Committee Meeting

This meeting is for members of the 2017 conference committee only. Regular sessions will begin at 2:00 pm for all other attendees.

School Certifying Officials ABC Workshop/Interactive VA-Once Training

Are you new to the SCO role? Do you need help navigating through VA-Once? Or do you simply need a refresher? This interactive session will give you the tips and tricks of VA-Once.

-Tracey Gross, Education Liaison Representative, Department of Veteran Affairs

How to help Veterans Receive Maximum Aid

How do TA, VA and Financial aid all work together? What information do you have that your financial aid office needs to know? What do they know that you need to know before certifying? This session will help you put all the pieces together!

-Jill Rayner, University of North Georgia

“Striking to Perfection”

Teambuilding Challenge

Bring your strike out performance with you because this challenge will be right up your alley! Event will be held at 104 Backyard Lane, Blairsville, GA 30512.

Advanced RSVP's may be sent to Ameena Clark at ameena@columbusstate.edu.

Establishing a Green Zone

Green Zone training is a program to help advisors, faculty, staff and peers learn how to better serve the veteran/military population by learning what potential challenges a service member, student veteran and their families might face when attending college.

Come see how the University of North Georgia is using the workshop to develop “safe zones” for veterans and better understanding campus wide.

-Christy Orr, University of North Georgia

-Jill Rayner, University of North Georgia

VA Work Study

Find out how your students can “earn while you learn” with a VA Work-Study allowance.

-Jerome Marshall, CELO Department of Veteran Affairs

FERPA vs. VA

As the custodians of student record data, complying with FERPA is an essential component of our profession. It's important for our professional SCO community to handle student data appropriately, including in conversations with parents/guardians. In this session, we'll discuss helpful ways to include parents/guardians in their student's experience, without disclosing certification information or violating FERPA.

-Gena Snead, The Georgia Institute of Technology

Build-A-Box

Attendees are encouraged to participate in the 2017 Philanthropic "Build-A Box" event. During this time, members will be organizing care packages for our deployed military officers.

Questions may be sent to LaShander McQueen at lmcqueen@msm.edu

SCO Round Table

This session will be a roundtable discussion of best practices and ideas focusing on certifying. New and senior SCOs are encouraged to bring challenges, solutions presented, and overall ideas to share.

-LaShander McQueen, Morehouse School of Medicine

Compliance Survey 101

Are your records available for review by authorized representatives of the government? The law requires that periodic surveys are conducted at educational institutions to ensure proper reporting. Do not panic, this session will prepare you to survey a compliance survey.

Staying Away From Debt

Does your institution have a debt? Do you know why it was created? Come find out the difference between a school debt vs. a student debt, your rights and responsibilities, and repayment options.

- Nathan Chromy, Debt Management Center, Department of Veteran Affairs