

### ***Financial Aid 101: The Basics***

This session is designed for counselors and mentors who need basic information about financial aid. Participants will gain an understanding of the financial aid application process, how to assist students and their families in submitting the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA), and the financial aid programs that are available through the federal government, the State of Oregon, and Oregon colleges and universities. Participants will be provided with resources that will allow them to further increase their knowledge and understanding of basic financial aid principles and practices.

### ***Financial Aid 201: Updates and Difficult Situations***

This session is designed to provide experienced counselors with current updates and changes to the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA), federal student aid programs, and the financial aid application process. Participants will learn how a student's financial aid dependency status is determined, which parent should complete the FAFSA, and how to assist students who are selected by the Department of Education to verify their FAFSA information. Counseling undocumented students will also be discussed, as well as how the Consideration of Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) affects college financing options.

### ***Financial Aid 301: The Hard Stuff***

This session is for curious counselors and mentors who want an in-depth understanding of the varying philosophies and principles of financial aid. Participants will gain a clearer understanding of the College Board's PROFILE application, different packaging strategies, and current trends in college financing. Current issues such as loan indebtedness, the value of higher education, and financial aid leveraging will be discussed and participants will be given the chance to ask their hardest questions.

### **Leslie Limper, Director of Financial Aid, Pacific University**

Leslie Limper is currently the Director of Financial Aid at Pacific University in Forest Grove, Oregon, and serves as the Training Chair for the Oregon Association of Financial Aid Administrators. A graduate of Lewis and Clark College, Leslie has spent her career in financial aid administration in Oregon and is committed to assisting Oregon students in accessing higher education.

### **Jennifer Knight, Associate Director of Financial Aid, Linfield College**

Jennifer Knight is the Associate Director of Financial Aid at Linfield College. She has worked in financial aid since 1995, starting at her alma mater Western Oregon University and then to Oregon State University. She relocated to California to travel nationwide as a Financial Aid Training Specialist with a student loan guarantee provider, EDFUND a division of the California Student Aid Commission, where she provided both financial aid and professional development trainings to financial aid administrators all over the U.S. including U.S. Territories, Guam and Puerto Rico. She relocated back to Oregon and continued working for EDFUND as a Senior Client Relations Manager to colleges and universities in the Pacific Northwest until the end of the Federal Family Education Loan Program. She worked as the Director of Student Financial Services at Warner Pacific College prior to settling in at Linfield College.