

About the Speaker

Tony Sozzo

Anthony M. Sozzo is an Associate Dean for Student Affairs and Director of the Office of Financial Planning at New York Medical College. Mr. Sozzo has been working at NYMC since 1984 and has been an educator for over thirty-five years.

In 1993 Tony developed MEDAID-L, the National Health Professions Financial Aid Administrators electronic network listserv, serving over 400 professionals in related fields. Tony was the Chair of the Committee on Student Financial Aid, a national advisory committee to the Association of American Medical Colleges, from 1995-1998. Currently, he is the Northeast representative for the Graduate and Professional Issues Committee of NASFAA.

Tony's students have honored him with numerous awards over the years, including five Medical Student Senate Service Citations, two yearbook co-dedications, and the NYMC chapter of the American Medical Woman's Association Gender Equality Award. Mr. Sozzo received a BA and an MS in ED from IONA College, and an MA in Higher Education from Columbia University Teachers College.



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Welcome to the 2013 GPCC Annual Symposium

Symposium Agenda

Registration	8:30 AM
MASFAA Welcome	9:00 AM
Keynote Address:	
The Changing Value of a Graduate Education	9:15 AM
Networking Break	10:05 AM
Trends in Graduate Education and Education Financing	10:20 AM
Using Net Price Calculators in Graduate & Professional Schools	11:10 AM
Lunch on Your Own	11:40 AM
Education Tax Benefits	1:00 PM
Career Development Panel	1:30 PM
Break	2:20 PM
Veterans Affairs	2:40 PM
Concluding Remarks	3:30 PM

Keynote Address: The Changing Value of a Graduate Education

Tony Sozzo, Associate Dean for Student Affairs & Director of Student Financial Planning, New York Medical College; NASFAA GPIC Committee

During the last decade, institutions of higher education have come under intense media scrutiny. Many students and their families seem to be asking the question “is a graduate education worth the cost?” Our discussion will examine what has been written about the pros and cons of obtaining a graduate degree and the changing culture surrounding higher education. Recent legislative changes (such as income-driven repayment plans and public service loan forgiveness) seem to support pursuing a higher degree. We will focus on career opportunities for graduate students and how you can prepare for additional media assaults on the value of a graduate education.

Trends in Graduate Education & Education Financing

Tom Fitzgibbon, Vice President Debt Management Services, National Council of Higher Education Resources (NCHER)

This session will address activities in Washington that will impact higher education, attempt to put debt and default metrics into perspective, and help make the case that higher education in general, and graduate education specifically, remain sound investments that pay dividends many times over for graduates.

Using Net Price Calculators in Graduate & Professional Schools

Lisa McCarty, Managing Director, AidCalc

What exactly is a Net Price Calculator? Do I have to have one? Are graduate schools using them? Do *students* even use them? Lisa McCarty of AidCalc will answer these and any other questions you may have about the Net Price Calculator.

Education Tax Benefits

Michael McDonough, CPA, MST; Manager of Borrower Services Finance, American Student Assistance

This session will focus on education tax benefits available to graduate students, tax treatment of financial assistance, filing requirements, and tax-related FAQs.

Career Development Panel

Sheri Paulson, Babson College
Sara Dana, Boston University School of Law
Valerie Sutton, Harvard Graduate School of Education
Rosemary Hilliard, Tufts University School of Dental Medicine

In this session we will hear from career development professionals from various disciplines regarding the value of a graduate education in 2013 and beyond. Topics will include employment prospects, return on investment, and outlook for the future.

Veterans Affairs

Augusto St. Silva, Director of the Veterans Affairs Office, University of Massachusetts Boston

Augusto St. Silva will share with us the impact of the Financial Aid Shopping Sheet for veterans, best practices as we work with students who are veterans, and eligibility for benefits.