

## FSA Training Conference

### Speaker Bio

Session(s): BO3. The Fight Against Fraud: How You Can Help Prevent Misuse of Education Funds

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Edd has been employed with the U.S. Department of Education (ED)/OIG for more than 18 years, initially assigned to the Dallas Field Office as a Criminal Investigator in November 2002 and promoted in July 2016 to a Supervisory Criminal Investigator for the Kansas City Field Office (Midwest Region). As a Criminal Investigator assigned to the Dallas Field Office, SAC Cole successfully worked many complex fraud and public corruption investigations and received several awards for his accomplishments, including two IG Awards for Excellence (2010, 2013), a 2009 Law Enforcement Commendation Award for his outstanding work in the prosecution of Alta Colleges Inc., and a 2016 United States Attorney Award for his work on the Education Affiliates investigation.



Prior to his employment with ED/OIG, Edd worked as the financial aid director at Tennessee Wesleyan College, assistant director of financial aid at Roane State Community College, and as a trainer with Federal Student Aid (FSA), allowing him to bring a significant amount of knowledge and expertise in the FSA programs. This gives him a unique perspective supervising investigations related to *Title IV* programs.