

Candace Leake for At-Large Delegate
Personal Statement

My nearly 14-year career in higher education has included working at three different institutions: Stevenson University, The George Washington University, and now at Bucknell University where I serve as the Associate Director of Admissions for Access and Outreach. I earned a Dual B.A. in Communications and Foreign Language at Syracuse University, an M.S. in Higher Education Administration at Drexel University, and I am currently a Doctoral Candidate in Educational Leadership at The George Washington University. My involvement with PCACAC has included attending and presenting at various conferences and most recently serving as faculty for Summer Institute. Other highlights of my career include having served a one-year term on The College Board's Middle States Regional Advisory Board, having served as faculty who developed content for NACAC's Professional Certificate in College Admission for Emerging Leaders Program, and serving on PACAC's Professional Development Subcommittee for Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion. What I enjoy most about working in higher education are the various opportunities I've had and create to be an advocate for students, particularly for those from underrepresented backgrounds. Whenever I collaborate with others, serve on committees, attend or facilitate trainings, or I am simply afforded occasions to use my voice, I do so with the intention of helping affect change towards policies, processes, and resources that help make higher education more attainable and accessible for all students.