

My name is Erin Sheehan, and I am the Senior Associate Director of College & Fair Relations at StriveScan. It is a privilege to present this year's **Honorary Member Award**, recognizing individuals who have made a lasting impact on PCACAC through leadership and service. Eligible candidates must be leaving the profession (but not retiring) or moving to a similar role at a non-member institution outside the region.

Throughout her career, this recipient has exemplified dedication – not just to students and families, but to her colleagues and the PCACAC community. Her impact goes far beyond job titles or showing us how to proudly sport our school colors for any occasion. She leads with humility, fosters belonging, and empowers those around her. Whether through a personal call to an accepted student or a simple word of encouragement, her compassion and belief in people shine through.

Colleagues describe her as someone who has never met a stranger – she builds connections effortlessly and creates community wherever she goes, and has probably shared a playlist or two with you along the way. Not only is she a devoted mother to two wonderful boys, she has also been a “work mom” to so many of us in this room. Personally, I am grateful to have been “raised” by her in this profession, and I know I’m not alone in that.

Her leadership within PCACAC has been extraordinary. Her journey includes a long list of roles and moments of service, but most notably, as president in 2020, she guided us through uncertain times with resilience, stability, and unwavering commitment. Though she has stepped away from admissions, her impact will continue to inspire us all.

On behalf of PCACAC, thank you, Rebekah, for your service, passion, and dedication. We wish you success in this next chapter and know your influence will always remain. **Please join me in congratulating our Honorary Member Award Recipient, Rebekah LaPlante.**