

PERSONAL STATEMENT

Joel Lang

President-elect

I am very excited about the possibility of working with PCACAC in the Presidential cycle. I currently work with PCACAC as Treasurer and have worked as a volunteer with NACAC for the past 5 years. This experience has given me a tremendous appreciation for the amount of work and dedication of those on the Executive Board and President's Council. I have enjoyed my time serving as Treasurer and hope to continue to serve PCACAC to the best of my abilities.

Working with PCACAC's leadership has been both educational and formational. I have witnessed the tremendous commitment they demonstrate on a daily basis that is certainly needed for our profession as we help our students with major life decisions. Every day, I try to emulate my colleagues' drive and commitment. I feel it will allow me to serve my students honorably and with great passion.

From my experience with PCACAC, I have learned that I can adjust quickly to new roles and experiences. With the many changes to our organization's fiscal policies and procedures, we have made positive strides that keep moving our organization forward for years to come. I have experienced great camaraderie and outstanding leadership from many of those with whom I have worked. I've realized quickly that we aren't just an organization within our profession. We are a team, a large group of people working toward a common goal. We are at an exciting time in college admissions with many challenges to face. In the role as President-elect and then President, it's these challenges that I look forward to the most.

I can offer our region 21 years of experience working as a School and College Counselor, 4 years of working on PCACAC's executive board and 6 years experience of working with another regional executive council that addresses college admissions, financial aid, and academic advising. I have had the great fortune of being surrounded by outstanding role models in our field, those who are in our profession for the right reasons – to help students navigate their college process to ultimately make informed decisions. I hope that this experience coupled with my enthusiasm for working with students as they proceed through the college process will make me an ideal candidate to help lead PCACAC.