

PERSONAL STATEMENT

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Treasurer

Giving young people the tools and skills necessary to lead lives of purpose. This has been my personal vision statement for quite some time now. Through my work in college admissions, and now as a high school College Counselor, I have learned that I absolutely love working with students and young adults. But more than that, I feel a great responsibility to ensure that they are prepared to go out into the real world and find their purpose. I want to help them learn to act independently, be resourceful, take initiative, problem solve, collaborate, and to take appropriate risks. I want to help them find their own voice.

To do this, I often rely on the experiences and expertise of my colleagues. I attended my first PCACAC conference in 2008, and I was immediately hooked. What an amazing opportunity we have to collaborate, share, and work together to find best practices in support of our students. With not only PCACAC, but with SACAC and NACAC too, I am constantly in awe of the wealth of knowledge and the experiences of the outstanding professionals in the field. As a result, I have sincerely valued my time as a member of this organization – attending annual conferences and learning alongside colleagues from both sides of the desk. I have enjoyed presenting at both PCACAC and SACAC conferences over the years and serving on a number of PCACAC committees – Professional Development, Conference Planning, and most recently the Finance Committee, where I have served as the Vice-Chair. I understand the importance of fiscal responsibility, and I have enjoyed being a part of the conversations the past two years that have ensured our financial stability as an organization.

I started in admissions as an undergrad, as so many of us do, but I had no idea at the time where the path would lead. As an Admission Officer, I relished the opportunities to build relationships with families and college counselors from across the country. Traveling, training our new staff, organizing counselor programs and scholarship programs, my experiences afforded me the opportunity to work with a wide range of constituencies. Now on the other side of the desk as a College Counselor, I am able to dive deep into the relationships with my students and watch first-hand the transition to college. And I love it. I have found a career for which I am passionate.

I am a true believer that nothing great can be achieved without enthusiasm. In my work life and in my volunteer life, I try to bring an enthusiastic spirit and a lot of energy to everything I do. I couple that enthusiasm with a sincere desire to keep learning and growing, and to provide a supportive and encouraging environment for students. These things are at the very heart of who I am. I genuinely appreciate the opportunity to be nominated and would love nothing more than to serve this remarkable organization as a member of the PCACAC leadership team.