

Candidate for Director - Targeted Knowledge Groups

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Why are you interested in this Board position?

When I joined SoACE over four years ago, I vividly remember how nervous I was about attending the annual conference. The uncertainties that come with starting a new job and networking with new colleagues were ever-present. Reflecting, that encounter was one of the best experiences I have ever come across. For me, that experience allowed me to connect with outstanding career services professionals and employers. Now, that same encounter has reinforced my belief in the need for professional development, stimulating learning environments, and a community cultivated by open dialog. Serving on the SoACE Board excites me because it will allow me to pour back into an organization that has given me so much. As a lifelong learner and educator, I believe in facilitating and supporting atmospheres that allow us to present ourselves unapologetically—“atmospheres where everyone is respected for their attendance and contributions.



What qualifications do you have that would make you a strong fit for this Board position?

When I started in career services eight years ago, I never imagined I would develop such a passion for a career. From working with students to help with their career development to working with industry leaders to provide the best professional development imaginable, my expertise lies in shared leadership. I believe leadership occurs in groups and involves common goals. As the person who has led the Employer Relations Knowledge Group for the past year, I have managed the group's strategic planning initiatives, submitted board reports outlining our current and future work, and collaborated with other Knowledge Groups to produce robust programming for all members. Additionally, I was invited to work with President Erica Lake's Employer Taskforce to promote and increase employer engagement for the association. I thrive at working with others to promote a shared goal, and I am thrilled about the chance to continue giving my time and talents to the organization.

What leadership roles have you held within SoACE and other similar organizations?

SoACE - Southern Association of Colleges and Employers

- Assistant Chair for Conference Breakouts, 2020-present
- Co-Chair, APEX Black Career Services Professional Summit, 2019-present
- Chair of the Employer Relations Knowledge Group, 2019-2020
- Program Coordinator for Webinars and Virtual Professional Development, 2019
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TACE - Tennessee Association of Colleges and Employers

- Vice President-Elect for Colleges, 2020

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