Nadine Bailey Candidacy Statement

I am so excited and honored to accept the nomination for Region IV Representative. I am eager to exceed all requirements of this role and ensure this region in FASFAA is well represented. I have been a member of FASFAA for many years and have been involved in small roles at the annual conference, from time to time, where I always enjoy the interaction with other financial aid advisors and sharing our experiences.

From those interactions I have met wonderful people along my professional journey and I believe some naturally became a mentor to me. When we would see each other at a conference, I was always encouraged to volunteer for my state or regional association and to get involved. I took the words of wisdom to heart and here I am. I have seen the great work the prior Representatives do in keeping us informed, updated and trained. I will have very big shoes to fill.

I have been working in financial aid for over 20 years. I got my start in my hometown, Toronto, and worked at a school for almost nine years before moving to Tampa. Currently, I oversee several departments within financial aid; from financial literacy, default management to financial aid processing.

I am passionate about educating our students in regard to financial aid and how to avoid the dangers and pitfalls that some find themselves in. I am a firm believer in informed borrowing and I try to educate my staff and students as well. There is a negative connotation around borrowing, but there doesn't have to be.

I believe my background has prepared me for this role and I look forward to expanding my connections as I serve. I am excited to interact and work with a great group and association and cannot wait to see all that we can offer especially when it comes to workshops and trainings. Keeping abreast of all the regulatory changes as they occur is a passion of mine and ensuring the message is communicated quickly is what I will strive to do. As a representative for FASFAA I endeavor to work hard for my region, and state.