

Statement of Candidacy

Thank you for the nomination for President-Elect of FASFAA, I am humbled by the opportunity to be considered for this position.

I am a 1st generation college graduate that pursued higher education as a non-traditional student. Like many others in the profession, I started out as a federal work study student and never left.

I am in my 26th year in the financial aid profession and FASFAA has been an important part of my professional development. Early in my career, FASFAA provided the foundation for my growth through valuable training, mentoring and a network of resources to contact when I had questions or needed help. I have been able to continue to use those resources for advice and guidance as our industry has been challenged with monitoring changes in regulations, keeping up with advancements in technology, communicating with campus partners and reductions in funding. These challenges we are experiencing continue to deepen the importance of this association and staying closely connected with our financial aid family, I truly believe our profession is a family.

I am grateful for the opportunities I have to make a difference in students' lives. We employ approximately 50 students in the financial aid office and 200 in our division. I get to see first-hand, every day, how financial aid can impact the lives of our students. It is why we do what we do.

Professional Experience

Director, Office for Student Financial Affairs (2018-Present)
University of Florida

Associate Director, Office for Student Financial Affairs (2012-2018)
University of Florida

Assistant Director, Office for Student Financial Affairs (2001-2012)
University of Florida
Coordinator, Office for Student Financial Affairs (2000-2001)
University of Florida

Financial Aid Specialist, Student Financial Aid Office (1996-2000)
Chipola College

Financial Aid Director, Student Financial Aid Office (1993-1996)
The Baptist College of Florida

