



### Shana Gore Candidacy Statement

My name is Shana Gore and I am very excited and honored to be nominated for FASFAA Region I Rep. I strongly believe that FASFAA's work with training, advocacy and research is crucial to the progress of financial aid programs in Florida.

I began my career in financial aid in 2005 at a private liberal arts college in West Virginia. Being an office of just three people, I had the opportunity to learn about all aspects of the financial aid and I was active in WVASFAA and MASFAA. At my very first financial aid conference, I learned the structure of state, regional and national Associations of Student Financial Aid Administrators and quickly realized that "these ASFAA people" are immensely powerful groups! In 2007 I accepted a position in the financial aid office at North Carolina A&T State University, where I had to navigate the transition from a small, private college to a much larger, public, land-grant HBCU. I truly enjoyed my time at A&T, where I was first introduced to SASFAA and was active in both SASFAA and NCASFAA. In 2012 I moved to the Sunshine state and joined an amazing team at the University of West Florida, where I have held positions of Associate Director of Financial Aid, Director of Financial Aid and currently I serve as the Executive Director for Enrollment Services. I have been a member of FASFAA since coming to FL, and I have found the FASFAA resources to be invaluable to the growth and development of the UWF Office of Financial Aid & Scholarships.

In the past I have served on NASFAA task forces, moderated at NASFAA and SASFAA and presented at FASFAA. This spring, I worked closely with our current Region I representative to host a successful Region I Workshop on UWF's campus. Having held many different roles in financial aid, I am aware of the needs and concerns facing our campuses and I fully understand the necessity of learning, interpreting and applying federal, state and institutional policies and regulations to ensure comprehensive training and compliance in all areas. I would consider it an absolute privilege to have the opportunity to serve as your Region I Representative, and either way I look forward to continuing to be a member of FASFAA and continuing to learn and grow with my colleagues across the state, region and nation!