



Victoria Saraceno
Candidacy Statement

I am excited and honored to accept the nomination for Region V Representative. I am eager to begin a role within the FASFAA community and assist with the superb work they do.

I began my journey in financial aid in 2005 and have worked in the field on and off for almost 9 years at different types of institutions, taking on roles of increasing responsibility. I started as a counselor in Arizona, learning the principles of what financial aid actually was. I moved to Georgia where I spent 6 years working as the Assistant Director, Associate Director, and finally the Interim Director. Currently, I am the Director of Financial Aid at Florida Keys Community College. The student populations I have had the pleasure of working with in my career include undergraduate all the way through medical and dental students. It has been a wonderful opportunity to learn the needs of each of these groups and train others on ways to approach their individual requirements. I have served on various committees and planned financial aid events. Additionally, I devoted time to fostering relationships with executive teams to ensure financial aid was part of the conversation when changes were on the horizon.

Attending conferences and training workshops over the years has solidified that regardless of which institution we represent, we are all striving for the same end result; to strengthen our offices and enhance the student experience. There are not many communities where information is so freely shared and questions are encouraged. I have been able to implement changes because of information and techniques I learned at events.

If given the opportunity, I hope to continue the success Region V has had and share my experiences to help others. I look forward to meeting and getting to know as many members as possible. Again, thank you for considering me for this position.