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Statement of Candidacy  
FASFAA Region V

Dear Region V FASFAA Members,

I am excited and grateful to have the opportunity to run for the FASFAA Region V Representative position and I look forward to collaborating with you and the rest of our financial aid community.

I am a Financial Aid Officer at Florida International University (FIU) and I have had the great pleasure of working among talented financial aid administrators since I started my financial aid career as a work-study in 2014. Since then, I have been fortunate to have a broad range of experiences working in our Enrollment Services Department, FIU's medical school Office of Financial Assistance, and now the central Financial Aid Department at FIU. Throughout the years, I have gained experience in several areas of financial aid including federal grants and scholarships, verification, direct loans, professional judgment, satisfactory academic progress, writing financial aid policies and procedures, admissions, and registration. I have led Financial Aid Counseling and Loan Repayment Workshops for students and parents, and because of this, I believe that I can continue to promote workshops and trainings that will create more learning experiences for you.

The Region V in Florida exist because you and the students we serve make it real. As a leader, it is important to me to listen to your concerns and to continue to foster an environment that supports diversity, knowledge, and inclusion. I am a supporter of continuous learning and I am often complimented for being inquisitive. Truthfully, we never stop growing and learning, and this is why I believe that I can continue the mission and vision of FASFAA to be an organization that promotes inclusion, collaboration, inquiry, innovation, and the pursuit of education.

I am known for my strong commitment to the work I do, my communication skills, and collaboration. For me, no goal is too high when we work as a team. I always say "team work makes the dream work." I also believe that the students and parents we serve, deserve nothing but our best. To give them our best however, we must continue to work together to support and promote the organizations that provide unlimited knowledge and resources that equip us to do our job well. If given the opportunity, I will continue to advocate for you and I will uphold the highest standards for myself, the projects in which we collaborate, and the work I deliver to you as the Region V Representative.

Thank you for your support and trust!