

Candidate for Director - Targeted Knowledge Groups

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Why are you interested in this Board position?

Through my various interactions within SoACE, Knowledge Groups demonstrate the power of information sharing amongst members. These communities continuously support a safe and open environment to not only welcome members to the Association but also reinforce the opportunity to share ideas, brainstorm best practices and discuss solutions to obstacles. I regularly find myself with at least one tangible, relatable takeaway I can bring back to my institution after each interaction with a KG. I am excited to continue my service to the industry by expanding my professional development with the SoACE Board.

My previous KG leadership experience serving as Chair of the Career Advising Knowledge Group and involvements with the Technology, Assessment, and Administrative groups, drew me to renew my leadership commitment. My recent service as the President of the Florida Association of Colleges and Employers enabled me to enact positive changes and improvements to benefit not only our association as a whole but our members as well. I enjoy the opportunity to support established programs while also reevaluating our membership initiatives to enhance the mission. I look forward to taking these experiences and building upon them to assist in the ever-growing opportunities within SoACE.



What qualifications do you have that would make you a strong fit for this Board position?

I strive to always bring a critical but compassionate eye to professional associations, keeping the membership and industry at the forefront of my mind. This philosophy afforded me the opportunity to support and assist in the development of my State Association and I cannot wait to dedicate my time to SoACE. My commitment to SoACE began with involvement in the Knowledge Groups and I was honored to continue through leading presentations, discussions and panels. With a foundational background in career counseling and employer relations, and a passion for connecting with individuals across all areas, my qualifications to serve in this role with SoACE hopefully shine through alongside my enthusiasm to continue my own leadership development.

What leadership roles have you held within SoACE and other similar organizations?

- SoACE Career Advising Knowledge Group Chair
- SoACE Career Advising Knowledge Group Assistant Chair
- FloridaACE Past-President
- FloridaACE President
- FloridaACE Vice President
- FloridaACE Information Management Director
- FloridaACE Private College Rep
- FloridaACE Communications & Social Media Committee Co-Chair
- NACE Mentor

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