



(MAL) Member-At-Large; Knowledge & Skills and Professional Development Nominee

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Candidate Statement:

TED is an essential organization that represents the people and practices that serve as the foundation for personnel development in special education teacher preparation. It would be an honor to serve as the Member of Large - Knowledge and Skills Development for TED.

I have served and participated in TED in a number of capacities. As a doctoral student at the University of Florida, I was a member of Kaleidoscope, the student committee of TED. I led coordination of annual presentations at the TED and CEC conferences. Currently, as an Assistant Professor at Appalachian State University, I serve on the Diversity Caucus--helping to promote and elevate diverse voices within the TED membership.

As I approach my seventh year as a member of TED, I believe I have developed the necessary knowledge and skills to represent TED members and support me on the Board of Directors. In the early stages of my career I have studied and written about teacher preparation. I have paid close attention to the approaches within teacher preparation programs as well as the linkages between on-campus practices, field experiences, and early career teachers. Within this work, I have grown concerned about the degree to which preparation can be effective without trusted school and district partnerships. Partnerships in which preparation programs address the lived experiences within schools. I have also examined how special education teaching quality is impacted by access to resources, training, and qualified support personnel. All of which speak to and support the responsibilities of the MAL position on the Board of Directors.

I believe TED members desire opportunities to enhance their practices as a means to grow their programs. Serving as the Member at Large for Knowledge and Skills Development presents an opportunity for me to provide tangible deliverables to its members, navigating the needs of members with both emerging and established personnel preparation knowledge and skills. A roll I would relish. I will commit to staying informed of the professional needs of all members, and representing them within the executive committee of TED and CEC. I will seek out connections across TED caucuses and special interest groups so that their areas of concern are represented front and center in conferences and professional development opportunities.

I am confident that I could serve as a conduit between the Board and the professional needs of TED members, regardless of the size and scope of member preparation programs. I hope that you will allow me to serve the TED membership as the Member at Large for Knowledge and Skills Development.

Candidate Experience

National (2014 - 2021)
AERA - Presenter (2018)
AERA - Conference Reviewer (2017, 2018)
AACTE - Presenter (2017)

AACTE - Special Education Teacher Shortage NIC (2020 -)
JTE - Reviewer (2018 -)
CEC - Measuring Special Education Teacher Effectiveness PAC (2021 -)
CEC - Presenter (2016 - 2020)
CEC - Conference Reviewer (2018 -)
TED - Kaleidoscope Committee (2018 - 2020)
TED - Diversity Caucus Treasurer (2021-)
TED - Presenter (2016 -2021)
TED - Conference Reviewer (2018 - 2021)
TESE - Board of Reviewers (2019 -)

State (2019 2021)

North Carolina Educator Policy Fellowship Program (2020 - 2021)