Meet Your Candidate
2022 ACSM Board of Trustees Election

Trustee Candidate for Health Equity/Inclusion/Diversity

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1. Please list your previous service to ACSM
   a. Special Health Initiative on Health Equity
   b. Task Force on Clinical Sports Medicine Engagement
   c. Clinical Sports Medicine Leadership Committee
   d. Minority Special Interest Group
   e. Presentation at Mid-Atlantic Regional Chapter
   f. Presentations at ACSM Annual Meetings
   g. Review ACSM book chapters
   h. Discussant at ACSM Annual Meeting clinical case session
   i. CAQ section editor, Current Sports Medicine Reports

2. What is ACSM's greatest strength and how would you make that aspect of the organization even stronger?

   ACSM's greatest strength is its diversity. It is the only sports medicine organization where I can learn science from so many different disciplines. As a primary care physician, this exposure has been instrumental in advancing the care I can give to my patients and communities. ACSM's diversity is also evident in many other dimensions such as age, geography, gender/sexual orientation, ability and race/ethnicity. These dimensions of diversity are included in the programming and organizational operations of the College. I have always felt that my ideas and expertise are a welcome addition to the organization.

   I have been engaged in diversity, equity and inclusion (DEI) work for my entire career. I have dual specialty training in sports medicine and adolescent, a group that needs advocacy and has special health needs. As the founding dean of a college of health sciences at a historically Black university, Delaware State University, I created a sports medicine center and started a Movement Science major. I served as the founding diversity dean for the University of Central Florida College of Medicine and am currently chair of the Department of Family Medicine at another historically Black graduate and Hispanic serving institution, Charles R. Drew University of Medicine and Science. Thus, I have extensive experience working with Black, indigenous people of color (BIPOC) communities from the community outreach, patient, student and organizational perspectives. I will apply this expertise to help ACSM continue to strengthen its footprint in DEI, specifically a continued focus on inclusive excellence with help to advance the discipline. There is currently a lot of interest in addressing structural racism and discrimination. ACSM has the committee structures and leadership commitment in place to become a model for other medical societies in dismantling structural barriers and demonstrating inclusive excellence in fulfilling our mission. As ACSM's Health/Equity/Diversity Trustee, I will be able to position us at the forefront of change and innovation, leading to a deeper understanding of community and the interconnection between us all.

3. ACSM works closely with many other organizations, including associations, companies, philanthropies, and governmental agencies. Indicate those organizations/companies/ages for which you play an advisory, consulting, or leadership role.

   I play a leadership role in the Society for Adolescent Health and Medicine. I am currently nominated for president and have served on the Board of Directors and multiple commit-tees. I also have served on committees for the National Medical Association.