Meet Your Candidate
2022 ACSM Board of Trustees Election

Trustee Candidate: Education & Allied Health

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1. Please list your previous service to ACSM.

My previous service to ACSM includes:
- Co-Chair, Minority Health and Research Special Interest Group (2021-2023);
- Member, ACSM Fellowship Task Force (2020)
- Chair, ACSM SHI: Women, Sport, and Physical Activity Committee (2019-2022)
- Member, ad hoc Health, Fitness Content Advisory Committee (2016-2019);
- Member, ad hoc ACSM Website Redesign (2017)
- Mentor, Women to Fellowship Program (2016-present)
- Mentor, Leadership & Diversity Training Program (member, SHI: Women, Sport, and Physical Activity Committee (2014-2019) and the Exercise Science Education Interest Group (2018-present)
- Reviewer, ACSM’s Exercise Prescription for Older Adults (2013)
- Leadership and Diversity Training Program (2014)
- Exercise is Medicine Campus® Liaison (2010-2018)

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 members. Without the members, the organization would fail to exist. Our members represent an international community of diverse health, wellness, fitness and sports medicine professionals that bring a unique perspective to how we ‘do’ health. Those perspectives allow us to grow, advance and remain leaders in the industry. However, we must strengthen the pathways for access to leadership for women, minorities and our international peers, and enhance how we communicate the current opportunities for professional growth and development. As an organization, we have a great foundation to build upon to accomplish this goal. It will take intentional cross-cultural collaborative activities. As a trustee, I would like to seek ways to create innovative collaborations for our women, minority and international members; connect the practical applications of our fitness professionals with our researchers; and maximize the interdisciplinary nature of our current committees with networking opportunities. We are a strong organization. I believe enhancing the connectedness within our membership will help us to become even stronger. My leadership skills, passion for interpersonal growth and commitment to the college are the perfect combination to help facilitate these enhancements to ACSM.

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

I currently serve as the corresponding secretary for the State of Georgia National Council of Negro Women, as well as serve as chair of the Educational Development and the Information, Communication & Technology Committees for the Auburn Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.