Meet Your Candidate
2022 ACSM Board of Trustees Election

YOUR VOTE MAKES A DIFFERENCE!
To receive voting rights, you must be a current member of ACSM on January 3, 2022.
Cast your vote between February 1-25, 2022.

Trustee Candidate: Student

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1. Please list your previous service to ACSM.
   • 2020 – present Member-At-Large, Student Affairs Committee
   • 2020 – present Member, Strategic Health Initiative - Aging
   • 2019 CEO Search Committee, Student Representative
   • 2018–19 Program Committee, Health and Fitness Summit
   • 2018 Program Committee, NEACSM/NSCA Spring Meeting
   • 2017–19 Membership Co-Chair, NEACSM
   • 2017 – 2018 Program Committee, NEACSM Annual Fall Meeting
   • 2016 – 2017 Program Committee, NEACSM Annual Fall Meeting
   • 2015 – 2016 Program Committee, NEACSM Annual Fall Meeting
   • 2015 – 2018 Program Committee, NEACSM Annual Fall Meeting

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 membership and the diversity of career professions they represent. To preserve and make that aspect stronger, it's imperative that we are sensitive to the needs of our student members. We must develop a strong pipeline from student to professional membership by intentionally implementing professional development and networking opportunities to reach and retain student members from various career paths centered around medicine, exercise, nutrition, health or wellness.

I would strive to strengthen the student membership by ensuring that student members have access to quality professional development and networking opportunities beyond the annual and regional meetings. In-person meeting attendance can be a major financial burden for our student members who identify as under-represented minorities, are located internationally or at non-research institutions (e.g., community college). As such, feasible, equitable and diversified student opportunities will be a top priority as I seek to expand and enhance our student offerings.

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

• Early Career Officer, American Congress of Rehabilitation Medicine, Aging Research and Geriatric Rehabilitation Networking Group

• Vice Chair, Board of Directors, Indianapolis Public School SUPER School 19, Inc.