

Meet Your Candidate

2022 ACSM Board of Trustees Election

Trustee Candidate: Student



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**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**.



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 – **Member**, EIM -Older Adult Advisory Committee
- 2015 – 2020 **Member**, Diversity Committee

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 1 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.