

To the members of the Montana Post-Secondary Educational Opportunities Council (MPSEOC),

I write today to express my interest in participating and contributing to MPSEOC's Board of Directors.

Having been a member of MPSEOC since December of 2010, I feel that I have gained a great deal of insight regarding the work of MPSEOC and hope to take this opportunity to step into a more collaborative role in shaping the educational opportunities for students across Montana and to support our campuses in the critical work that we do.

Across the nation, and especially here in Montana, the forecast and future of higher education has never been more uncertain than it is currently. Questions regarding the *value* of a college degree, ever-increasing tuition costs, and, on a national level, a rapidly declining population of what would/could be a college-going students, have all significantly impacted the college-going *culture* in our country and in Montana. This has placed further emphasis on the importance of the work of Admissions professionals, not only from the colleges and universities which they represent, but for the students with whom they connect.

While the college-going culture continues to diminish across the country, and specifically our home state, it is clear that the value of a college education has never been more significant. This is exactly why I hope to be considered by my peers and colleagues for a Board of Directors position with MPSEOC. The collaborative nature of MPSEOC makes this organization an outlier compared to other states, and we are in a unique position to make positive impacts on both students, and the state of Montana as a whole. With 16 years of professional admissions experience behind me, I am confident that my insights, understanding, and appreciation for the work of fellow MPSEOC admissions and counseling professionals would benefit both the Board of Directors, and an organization as we move forward positively.

I am motivated by my work and am constantly looking for ways to broaden my understanding of the work of my colleagues. Through teamwork, collaboration, and an appetite to continue learning and improving, I see the opportunity to serve as a MPSEOC Board member as a means of providing service to our state, and its students in the name of higher education.

I appreciate your time in reviewing my application materials, and hope to be in position to further serve the organization and you, my colleagues, that has already done so much for me, and my home state of Montana.

Thank you for your consideration, and please reach out with any further questions you may have regarding my interest in this Board of Directors position.

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