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Diversity Chair Nominee

Why do you want to be on the Region 10 Steering Committee?

My first introduction to Region 10 was the R10 Conference and it was excellent! I learned so many new and interesting things to help our team improve service to students at Yavapai College. From the way we use technology, to how we interact with students, to teaching our colleagues the latest dance moves (Floss, anyone?) - learning how to leverage the richness of our individual and collective identities as academic advisors is a critical piece of providing quality educational experiences on our campuses. As part of the R10 Steering Committee, my goal would be to find ways to highlight cultural diversity, to keep inclusion in mind when planning activities, and to engage the larger community in a variety of opportunities that would prioritize the professional development needs of advisors in Region 10.

What do you bring to the position you are applying for?

Prior to moving to AZ to work at Yavapai College as an Academic Success Advisor, I was the Director of Cultural Diversity at Elizabethtown Community & Technical College in KY from 2011-2018. As ECTC's primary diversity champion, my role gave me the opportunity to lead as well as learn from others through events that emphasized aspects of identity such as age, ethnicity, ability, education, race, gender, military status, socio-economic status, nationality, sexual orientation, religion, national origin, and political affiliation. In NACADA, I have served on the Emerging Leaders Program Advisory Board and on the Diversity (now Inclusion & Engagement) Committee. I am a doctoral student at Northern KY University investigating how to use neuroscience to inform diversity training. It would be a great honor to get to join the R10 Steering Committee and serve Region 10 as the Diversity Representative.