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Educational Background:

Doctoral Student Health Education University of Florida, Gainesville, FL
(M.S. Health Education Texas A&M University, College Station, TX
Graduate Certificate College Teaching Texas A&M University, College Station, TX
B.A. Sociology Texas A&M University, College Station, TX

Current Position: Research Assistant, University of Florida, Gainesville, FL

Immediate Past Professional Position: Instructor, Department of Health and Kinesiology,
College of Education, Texas A&M University, College Station, TX

Professional Activities:

- 2010- Present: American College Personnel Association (ACPA) Commission for Student Involvement member and Standing Committee for Graduate Students and New Professionals member
- 2010: 2011 ACPA Convention Program Proposal Reviewer
- 2010: Award Selection Committee, Doctoral Student Representative, Department of Health Education and Behavior, University of Florida, Gainesville, FL
- 2009-2010: Graduate and Undergraduate Poster Judge, Texas A&M University Student Research Week, College Station, TX
- 2008-2010: Health Education Commentator, *Brazos Valley Health* (KEOS 89.1FM), Bryan, TX
- 2008: American Public Health Association (APHA) 136th Annual Meeting and Expo Presenter, San Diego, CA
- 2007-Present: Member of Eta Sigma Gamma (Alpha Pi Chapter)

AAHE/AAHPERD Professional Activities and Service - National, District or State:

- 2010-Present: Florida Alliance for Health, Physical Education, Recreation, Dance, and Sport (FAHPERDS) member
- 2007-Present: American Alliance for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance (AAHPERD) member
- 2007-Present: American Association for Health Education (AAHE) member
- 2007-2009: Texas Association for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance (TAHPERD) member

Brief Statement

Health education is facing an exciting and dynamic future. As members of AAHE we enter this new year facing persistent and emerging health and organizational challenges. These challenges present opportunities for creative solutions and the role of the AAHE Board of Directors to listen to the membership, direct the association, and act in the best interest of AAHE is more pronounced than ever before. During this time of change, I am pleased that the Board of Director's membership includes a Student Representative as I know that today's health education students are tomorrow's leaders of the field. Students at all academic levels can benefit from the current AAHE offerings and

can vocalize their desires for future programming efforts, student opportunities, and proposed directions for the field. For students, AAHE represents an avenue to augment the experiences in their home institutions with professional, research, and networking opportunities with today's leaders in the health education field. Every effort should be taken to encourage health education students at all collegiate levels to join the membership ranks of one of the largest health education professional organizations in the country and contribute their voices to discussions.

As a current doctoral student, a recent Master's student, and a recent Instructor of undergraduate students, I am connected to the contemporary concerns of students in health education and can vocalize these viewpoints throughout Board discussions. Additional qualities I will bring to this position are my dedication to excellence, incessant work ethic, collaborative spirit, and a passion for the field and future of health education.

In my vision of health education, the field stands at the forefront of our nation's health system and preventative health measures for all individuals are considered normative. Accurate health literacy information permeates our primary, secondary, and post-secondary education systems, technological devices, and traditional, nontraditional, and new media channels. For this vision to become a reality, health education efforts need increased financial support, increased visibility, and an increased demand for highly educated and skilled health educators with a unified professional voice. This vision is grandiose, but the Board of Directors and the membership of AAHE are working tirelessly in diverse communities and in lobbying efforts throughout the nation and incrementally making this vision a reality.

This is truly an exciting time to be involved in the field of health education. I consider the nomination for this position to be a remarkable honor and I sincerely look forward to serving our students, our members, and the field of health education for years to come.