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**FOLLOWING ARE THE CANDIDATE STATEMENTS FOR THOSE MEMBERS RUNNING FOR ELECTION TO ASCA'S BOARD OF DIRECTORS. ASCA VOTING MEMBERS SHOULD HAVE RECEIVED INFORMATION IN AN EMAIL ABOUT VOTING ONLINE. THE ELECTION RUNS MAY 15-JULY 18, 2023.**



## **MATTHEW BERRY**

I have served in leadership on the Missouri School Counselor Association Board of Directors for the past five years and am dedicated and passionate regarding advocacy for the implementation of a comprehensive school counseling program. This same drive and focus are what fuel me to apply to be a candidate for the ASCA Board of Directors. I value the work of the board and know the systemic impact this brings to the profession of school counseling. My goal as a member of this board is to utilize my skills, knowledge and ability to provide a voice to make a positive impact. It is my desire as a member to serve and collaborate with the others to ensure we best meet the needs of school counselors as we adapt and provide best practices for our profession as an association. I am thankful for the opportunity to serve, advocate and be a change agent as a member of the ASCA Board of Directors.

## **ROBERTO AGUILAR**



First and foremost, I am grateful for my experiences with and through ASCA. I can say that the support of ASCA has made me a better school counselor, and I hope to pay that forward to my fellow colleagues. More directly, my mission is to empower students and communities to achieve their dreams by building relationships so individuals feel heard, seen and valued. As an ASCA board member, I plan to engage and empower school counselors throughout the nation, with an emphasis on connecting with school counselors of color and school counselors from the western United States, so they have the tools and confidence to help students tackle obstacles and build dreams. As a proud school counselor, nothing is more important to me than working to build unity for our community and advocate for the resources needed to fulfill the vision and mission of ASCA to help our students create a future they desire.

## **LYNDSEY BROWN, PH.D.**



School counseling is the greatest passion of my life. As someone who has served as a teacher, school counselor at all levels and now a new school counselor educator, my goal has always been to be a true advocate for what is best for kids. I passionately believe that school counseling is the profession that allows us to lead the way in seeking gaps in equity, and be creative and bold in being systemic change agents in schools. ASCA shines as the guiding force and strong foundation of our profession by advocating for the profession and providing guidance for school counselors. I wish to serve on the ASCA Board of Directors to join this incredible team who is working passionately to advance the profession of school counseling and, in turn, best serve our most important stakeholders, our students.

## **ANDREA DONEGAN**



I wish to serve on the ASCA Board of Directors to help guide the future of school counseling. I would be honored to utilize my lifetime of learning with fellow school counselors over the last 27 years to advance the profession. Serving as a school counselor and current state school counseling consultant, I support school counselors across my state with implementing comprehensive school counseling programs using the ASCA National Model. I am committed to the ASCA National Model and upholding ASCA's Ends of ensuring members are equipped to create equitable opportunities and inclusive environments for all students. As an ASCA board member, I would embrace learning with and listening to member voices, shining a spotlight on and celebrating our impact, focusing on future needs and growth, advocating for the profession and being on this journey together.

## **MONICA BRYANT**

I would like to serve on the ASCA Board of Directors to advocate for our profession on a national level. I am passionate about school counseling, want to make changes and be an advocate for students and colleagues who may not feel as though they have a voice. I have been involved in many opportunities that have helped shape me as a leader and provided me skills that can help elevate our profession. I am currently a board member for the Nevada School Counselor Association, where I have served as president. I was also on the executive board for our local educator's union for six years. I am currently working on my doctorate in educational leadership, as I believe in continuous learning and building on my skillset as a leader. As a person of color, I have experienced similar situations of some of our students across the nation, and on the board, I will advocate for equity, anti-racism and removing barriers that keep students from certain backgrounds from obtaining opportunities and access. While on the board, I will be committed to continuing the work of ASCA in ensuring all students have equal access to be the best versions of themselves.



## **EBONEE MAGEE- DORSEY, DPC**



I wish to serve on the ASCA Board of Directors because I believe in the work we do as school counselors, and I understand the challenges school counselors face on a daily basis. I am passionate about all things school counseling, and I want to share that passion with others. I know the positive impact ASCA has made on school counselors and the profession, which has a positive impact on our students. I want to serve as a voice for all school counselors who need support, resources, leadership, advocacy and the tools necessary to be the best school counselors they can be. It would be an honor to serve as a member of the ASCA Board of Directors and to have the opportunity to serve this organization that has helped shape my professional identity and provided me with the tools to be an effective school counselor/leader.

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## **SUZANNE SCOTT, PH.D.**

As a previous school counselor and now a school counselor educator, I am passionate about leadership, advocacy and school counselor supervision. I value the connection between practicing school counselors, state school counselor associations, ASCA as our national association, current research and resources, and relevant legislation. Without these supports and connections, evidenced-based practice would be lacking in the field and would ultimately hinder our work with students. Having been in the school counseling field for 17 years, I have seen the changes the profession has undergone and now continue to strive to educate future school counselors for service in their schools and ensure they are prepared for the profession. Having been a member of ASCA and my state association for many years, I feel my next step in offering leadership within the profession is through service on the ASCA Board of Directors. Being a part of the ASCA Board of Directors would provide me the opportunity to work at the national level to continue to provide the support and services needed for school counselors in today's society and continue to pave the way for the future of school counseling for tomorrow's students.



## **HEIDI TRUAX, PH.D.**

When I was 12 years old, I wrote in my diary that I wanted to be a "counselor at schools." Despite some professional twists and turns, that awareness has never wavered. Students need a school counseling profession aligned on leadership, systemic change and transformational advocacy. As such, I believe ASCA must be leaders in the national landscape, agents of change for equitable practices and policies, and transformational advocates for the school counseling profession. I hope to center that work if elected for the board. In my 14 years in public education, I have been a school counseling assistant, school counselor (earning RAMP at each of the three schools I served), a school counselor educator and a servant to the profession in several capacities. I now serve as the executive director of the Office of School Counseling and Postsecondary Advising for Chicago Public Schools, where I lead a team of 50 people to support the more than 800 school counselors in our district. Being a school counselor is my dream job, and I believe being on the board to serve our profession is a calling. If elected, I'm ready to answer.

