2019 INTERNATIONAL ACAC EXECUTIVE BOARD APPLICATION

Name: Kathleen Schultz
Title: Director of University Counseling
Member Type: High School
Institution: Dulwich College Shanghai Pudong
Location: China

Position for which you are applying:
President-Elect

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Provide information regarding your professional roles:
Director of University Counselling, Dulwich College Shanghai Pudong, Shanghai, China, 2017-Present
Application Reader, University of California, Los Angeles, CA, USA, 2014-Present
High School Counselor, NIST International School, Bangkok ,Thailand, 2014-2017
Upper School Counselor, International School of Prague, Prague, Czech Republic, 2003-2014
Whole School Counselor, International School of Hamburg, Hamburg Germany, 2001-2003
Teacher and Student Assistance Facilitator, Tigard High School, Tigard, Oregon, USA, 1999-2001
Juvenile Counselor, Washington County Juvenile Dept, Hillsboro, Oregon, USA, 1995-2001
Drop-Out Prevention Specialist, Community Youth Services of Washington County, Tigard, Oregon, 1992-1995
In all roles, I have counseled and mentored students as they have made important, developmental life decisions. I started my career in serving low-income, at-risk youth and progressed to working with high school students internationally. Currently, I lead a team of three university counselors and manage programming and budgeting for nearly 600 students from grades 6-12 (Years 7-13). This includes developing and implementing age-appropriate curriculum for students, parents and community members. As a life-long learner, I also stay active in international professional communities as well as local counseling networks, having organized professional development for counselors and admissions representatives in Prague, Bangkok and Shanghai.

Provide information regarding your International ACAC, NACAC, and/or other international education organizational experience.
Leadership in Professional Organizations:
International ACAC - Executive Board 2007-2013, 2015-2021
International ACAC - Ad Hoc Committee on Testing – 2018
NACAC Communications Committee (National Committee Appointment) 2015-2018
NACAC Communications Committee Chair (National Committee Appointment) 2018-2020
National Association of College Admissions Counseling (NACAC) Member
EARCOS/CIS Counselor Organizational Committee for EARCOS/CIS Institute – 2015
CIS CEMA Higher Education Committee, Counselor Representative - 2011-2014
ECIS Guidance and Counseling Committee Member - 2007- 2012 (Chair 2009-2012)
Scholar Mentor for International ACAC - 2015

Please provide a maximum 250-word statement of your experiences, why you wish to run for the International ACAC Board, and other relevant information you would like members to know about you.
Coming from a low-income family and expected to fund my own education, my pathway to university was very different than many of the students I serve. However, it did make me cognizant of the many barriers that exist for a number of our students. My first job as a drop-out prevention specialist working with students living below the poverty level, I knew that education was a way out of the cycle and I have remained an empathetic advocate for students who need the extra guidance, support and reassurance to make successful university

transitions. Inclusion, access and equity remains an issue with our international students and it has remained a focus of mine as a member of the International ACAC Executive Board. As I enter my 19th year of international counseling, and having worked in several countries, I try to reach out as much as possible to help our members whether it be on the International ACAC Facebook page, presenting at conferences or through email. I learn just as much through our collegial, collaborative, and professional community. As a board member, it has been important for me to remain accessible, available and of service to our members and I aim to continue that service as President-Elect. There are many challenges ahead in international education and issues that International ACAC must address as a leading voice to best support ethical access to higher education worldwide. I would be honored to demonstrate my own commitment to our membership through being your President-Elect.