

Candidate Biography---Officer Elections 2019

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Statement: **(no more than 100 words. Longer statements will be cut at 100th word.)**

I opposed Student's First Early & Often and Closing Any Community College! I've been helping professional staff members for over 19 years! I've helped create strategic partnerships with legislators, other unions, students, and non-profits my entire career. I've helped create Promotion, Tenure, and Sabbatical Workshops. I've represented staff on numerous grievances and "When Members Have a Problem—We Solve It Together ! I chose the photo attached, taken at the LOB while waiting to testify in support of HB 7257, An Act Concerning Food-Insecure Students in Higher Education---to demonstrate our students can't learn properly when hungry!

Education: Economic Development Institute, University of Oklahoma, graduate 1991, M.P. A. University of Connecticut, 1979, B.A. Eastern Connecticut State University, 1976.

Professional Experience and Activities: Coordinator of Institutional Advancement for over 19 years which involves assisting colleagues with grant applications, developing strategic partnerships, and assisting in fundraising and special events. I also serve as the Coordinator of the highly successful Magic Food Bus (student food pantry).

The MxCC Magic Food Bus (student food pantry) will serve over 650 students and about 1,600 household members from 48 communities this year (about a 70% increase). I helped create the successful MxCC Road Race and served as Race Director for 12 years. I helped create the Management Evaluation Survey that is currently used on several campuses and allows us an opportunity to provide constructive feedback to management. I have served on the Connecticut Economic Development Association Board of Directors for the past 30 years and have also served on the Association of Fundraising Professionals Connecticut Chapter Board of Directors for the past twelve years.

I received professional designation by exam as a Certified Economic Developer (CEcD) in 2000 and recertified five times. I also received designation by exam as a Certified Fundraising

Executive (CFRE) in 2005 and recertified three times. My fellow colleagues honored me with the Barbara Marion Award for Outstanding Leadership to the Association of Fundraising Professionals through the Connecticut and Fairfield County Chapters, 2012. In 2009 I received the President's Award from the Connecticut Economic Development Association, and in 2002 was presented the Secretary of State Public Service Award. I also received the Deane Avery Award from The Day newspaper for "advancing the cause of freedom of information and freedom of speech in the State of Connecticut" in 1999. I am also a past College Council Chair.

4Cs Activities: I was pleased to be part of the Student's First Protest Rally on March 8, 2019 at the Legislative Office Building and added my name to the petition delivered to Governor Lamont to intercede in the community college consolidation plan. I join our wonderful and engaged students each year at our Legislative Day at the Capital (our MxCC Chapter helps cover some of the costs) to advocate for adequate state funding for our community colleges and to support our collective bargaining process.

I was pleased that several contract items I have been advocating for many years are now part of our new contract: **College Tuition Waiver at CSU, Professional Development Increased Funding, and Additional Pay Steps in our Salary Grids.**

Current Membership Officer and Current Chair of the Political Action Committee (2 years) and Active Member for 14 years, Former Chair Governance Committee Chair (4 years), Professional Affairs Committee Chair (2 years), Presidential Aide (1 year), Membership Committee Member (4 years), Delegate Assembly Member (16 years), MxCC Chapter Co-Chair (16 years), MxCC Chapter Member of the Year 2006, System Willis Committee (4 years), two-time member of our 4Cs Contract Negotiation Team, and SEIU State Council Delegate.