

TACVPO BOARD POSITIONS AND NEW NOMINATIONS

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Job Title

Manager, Military and Veteran Compliance

Select the Board position that you are interested in.

Secretary

If elected, how would your experiences and qualities benefit TACVPO?

I have worked in higher education for almost 20 years in various capacities. I have worked with our military connected students for six of those years. In my time at Tarrant County College, I started a mentoring program where veterans who were faculty, staff, and administrators signed up to be mentors to our veteran students. I saw this was a need and wanted to make sure it happened for our students. For TACVPO, I am a part of the Steering Committee for the Mentorship Program started last year. It is important to share our experiences and knowledge with each other to serve the same purpose: Success of our Military Connected Students. I am not a veteran, my father is a Vietnam veteran, my oldest sister is a Desert Storm veteran, and my many uncles, aunts, and cousins have served in the military. I saw both my dad and sister struggle with the VA Hospital and the barriers that were set in their way, how they had to navigate their way through the process of it all. I bring years of knowledge in higher education and serving our military connected population. I also bring passion and dedication to any role I am given. These are great qualities for a person who would serve on the TACVPO board.

Holding a position on the board will take time away from your daily duties so, it's important that you have the approval of your supervisor before accepting a seat on the board. Are you able to uphold the duties of this position for the upcoming term?

Yes

How does being a member of TACVPO benefit the Veteran Community?

Being a member of TACVPO gives you access to updates and networking around the state of Texas and beyond. TACVPO gives you the ability to ask questions and receive knowledgeable answers from content experts regarding aspects of our jobs. It now allows you to take part in a mentorship program where you can learn and have a person to ask your questions to and they will give you feedback relating to your job. From the presentations to the vendors at the conference, TACVPO helps all of us serve our military connected student population better.

Is this a self-nomination?

Yes

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