



Dear Board Members,

I am honored to introduce myself as a candidate for the position of Treasurer. With over 20 years of experience in mental health counseling, I have dedicated my career to supporting individuals across diverse settings, including secondary and post-secondary institutions, inpatient psychiatric treatment facilities, and outpatient community-based programs.

Since 2019, I have served as the Director of Counseling Services at Davidson College within the Center for Student Health and Well-Being. In this role, I provide strategic leadership to enhance student mental health services, foster inclusive and equitable support systems, and promote overall well-being. Before this, I was the Counselor/Coordinator for Diversity, Inclusion, and Equity Student Outreach, where I worked to ensure access to mental health resources for traditionally marginalized and oppressed communities. Additionally, I serve as an Adjunct Faculty member in the Clinical Mental Health Counseling program at Montreat College, demonstrating my commitment to training and mentoring future professionals in our field.

My leadership extends beyond clinical practice. In 2024, I had the privilege of serving on the AUCCCD Strategic Planning Committee, and since 2022, I have actively participated in the directors' conference, where I have engaged in discussions on policy development, fiscal responsibility, and strategic growth in college mental health services.

Beyond my professional career, my journey has been shaped by discipline, service, and teamwork. I grew up in Upstate New York, served four years in the United States Army, earning two Army Commendation Medals and one Army Achievement Medal, and continued my education while playing college basketball, where I was named to the All-Region Team in my second year. These experiences have instilled in me a strong work ethic, leadership skills, and a commitment to service that I carry into every aspect of my work.

As a candidate for Treasurer, I bring financial stewardship, ethical leadership, and a commitment to advancing the field of counseling. I look forward to the opportunity to collaborate with each of you to support the board's mission and goals. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Best regards,

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