



2022-2023

The Illinois Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators, Inc.

ILASFAA CANDIDATE ACCEPTANCE

Name of Candidate: Mesha Garner

Candidate is running for the office of: Southern Illinois Representative

Candidate's EDUCATION background -- degree, institution, year (year is optional):

Ph.D. in Education Administration, Illinois State University

Candidate's PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE (please list current position first):

**Director of Student Financial Aid at Southern Illinois University Edwardsville
Financial Aid Specialist at Illinois State University**

Candidate's PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES – years and activities:

**ILASFAA Conference Program Chair 2021-2022
Reality Store**

What contribution do you envision ILASFAA making to the profession?

ILASFAA is a great, local organization that provides community for financial aid professionals. We work in a niche field that requires us all to be a jack of all trades, and a master of them all. I envision that ILASFAA will continue create and build community among financial aid administrators, new and old, alike. Higher education is changing, what we know as financial aid and enrollment management always have pivots to where having another as support, can really help us know how to best serve students.

How would you support financial aid professionals as we move into the future for ILASFAA?

Building community is a top priority for me. I firmly believe the community and support that we have is often a reflection of how we serve students. Another priority is sharing knowledge and creating spaces where people feel comfortable with asking questions, providing feedback, and being receptive to new information.

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THANK YOU FOR YOUR PARTICIPATION IN OUR ILASFAA ELECTIONS!**

PLEASE RETURN your Candidate Acceptance to Karen LeVeque at kleveque@depaul.edu.