



2021-2022

The Illinois Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators, Inc.

ILASFAA CANDIDATE ACCEPTANCE

Name of Candidate: Daniel Matamoros

Candidate is running for the office of: Secretary

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

**Bachelor of Arts in Psychology – University of Dallas
Bachelor of Arts in Philosophy – University of Dallas
Masters in Marriage and Family Therapy – Universidad de Navarra
Masters in Higher Education – Loyola University Chicago**

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

**Assistant Director of Financial Aid (2016 – present) Loyola University
Financial Aid Advisor (2015 – 2016) Kaplan University/Purdue Global
Patient Relations Advisor (2014-2015) Medical and Surgical Clinic of Irving
Crisis Support Specialist (2014) Adapt Community Solutions**

Candidate's PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES – years and activities:

**2017-2018 August 2017 Superhero of the Month Winner
2017-2018 Member of the Diversity and Inclusion Committee // 2018-2019 Member of the
Governance Committee
2019-2020 Member of the Legislative Issues Committee // 2020-2021 Chicago Regional
Coordinator
2020 ILASFAA New Professional Recognition Award Winner**

What contribution do you envision ILASFAA making to the profession?

Through the three prongs of advocacy, networking, and professional support, I believe ILASFAA continues to provide invaluable service to financial aid professionals and institutions in the state of Illinois today. By ensuring the continued support of training opportunities, and onboarding initiatives that empower new professionals entering the field of financial aid, I believe ILASFAA provides institutions in Illinois a critical line of support needed to weather the current environmental pressures surrounding higher education in our state today. For these reasons, I believe ILASFAA's contributions remain both relevant and necessary, especially for the years to come.

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

Our profession requires consistent learning and continued investment in ways that are sustainable and continuous. In my role and involvement with ILASFAA, I hope to serve in a capacity that promotes continued learning in manners that are increasingly relevant within higher education today (e.g. access and support for increasingly diverse groups of students, and continued state advocacy for support services). By volunteering to participate in panels and presentations, which are only possible via the platform and opportunity which only ILASFAA provides, I seek to share in my learning and professional experience in order to ensure and support the wellbeing of all students attending diverse institutions of higher education in Illinois today.

More specifically, though, and in the capacity of secretary, I hope to formalize by continued involvement with ILASFAA as an organization, as a member of the leadership council, in order to both document and secure the rich knowledge patrimony which the organization has developed through its many years of service. As a member of the executive council, I will also move to be vocal and to take an active role providing input and creative ideas which might allow our organization to continue meeting the many windfalls and challenges which are commonplace across the broader higher education environment within the state of Illinois.