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Delegate Candidate: District of Columbia

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What are your qualifications that make you a strong candidate for delegate?

In 2017 I was nominated by DCASP to become the next NASP delegate for DC. I was honored and humbled that my fellow School Psychologist from DC saw me as fit to serve in this position. I love being a School Psychologist. I am one of those people who is fortunate enough to be able to say, “I love what I do every day”. I love working within the school system and helping ensure that children have the best learning opportunities possible. I love working with the school community by collaborating with teachers and parents on ways to create equitable and sustainable access to learning for all children. As a bilingual School Psychologist, I have had the opportunity to work directly with my Spanish speaking community and advocate for their educational and social emotional needs.

When I was offered the opportunity to expand my reach as a School Psychologist and serve as an advocate alongside NASP I was delighted. As the DC Delegate I have been able to collaborate and learn from other states on how to resolve high stakes issues that impact children in schools and the community. I am able to bring back valuable resources and strategies to DCASP on how to continue to grow as an association and further our positive impact on children’s lives. Working in the high needs’ schools of the District of Columbia has particular challenges and having the opportunity to bring back resources to my colleagues is invaluable. As a Delegate I was able to be a part of creating and voting on the standards that guide our profession. I have learned a great deal about being a leader and participating in the democratic process that shapes our organization.

As your DC Delegate I will continue to advocate for the needs of DC and work with NASP in creating a stronger organization that fits a broader audience. I will work with DCASP to create a more inclusive environment for all school psychologist who practice in DC. I will work as a liaison between other state associations and DCASP to provide professional development opportunities. I believe that my four years as a delegate and my expertise as a bilingual School Psychologist in an inner-city school system make me an excellent choice for the position. My love for the job creates a passion for the job and I will use that passion to work for our children, families and my colleagues across the District.

The past year has been challenging for us all. We have faced barriers that we could not have ever imagined having to face. I am grateful for NASP for being a beacon of light for us all and guiding us with helpful strategies and resources. As a Delegate I hope to continue being a conduit of this light.