

## **Candidate for President Elect**

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Candidate: TJ Pegg

Institution: George Mason University

Role: Assistant Director for Strategic Development & Engagement

### **Current Involvement with ACPA and VACPA**

Vice Chair of Connectivity for the ACPA Coalition of Gender & Sexual Identities (ACPA CSGI), ACPA 2024

Convention Experiences Committee, Presenter at ACPA 2024, VACPA Webinar Presenter - July 2023

### **Planned Contribution to VACPA**

As a leader, I hope to work towards creating opportunities, experiences, and processes that best support the student affairs field and their overall experience as participants/members in ACPA/VACPA.

### **Qualifications for Directorate Role**

With over a decade of experience in student affairs/higher education, I bring a wealth of experiences and want to contribute to supporting other practitioners and the larger field as a whole. I pride myself on being an engaged leader, who looks for opportunities to contribute, learn, develop, and support myself and others across the profession.

### **Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion**

Reflecting on my own identities, experiences, and competencies - I think it's critical to be aware of my identities as well as how I show up and support others shared spaces and in spaces where voices are missing/underrepresented. In my work as practitioner, it's critical to not only serve every student and staff member in front of me, but also do my part to continue developing, learning, and ensuring that my own identities do not negatively impact those that I serve and work with.

### **VACPA Challenges and Opportunities**

As someone who works at a public institution in Virginia that is closer to DC than most schools, I feel like there is a divide in connecting with other Virginia institution vs. connecting with DC and Maryland schools that are closer to my home institution in Northern Virginia. I would like to find ways for folks from various institutions across the state find ways to connect, network, and learn from each other. This will take some heavy lifting to have some intentional connections with leadership from various institutions and find ways for those institutions to buy-in and create opportunities to promote VACPA/ACPA opportunities to their student affairs professionals.