



TEXAS TECH UNIVERSITY
Office of the Provost
Student Success

Friday, September 29, 2023

To Whom It May Concern:

It is with great pleasure that I recommend Christine Self for service on the AHEPPP Board of Directors. Since 2002, Christine has served the parents and family members of Texas Tech students in the department of Parent & Family Relations. Throughout her tenure she has served in a variety of roles within the department and continually seeks ways to develop as a professional. She has been instrumental in creating and enhancing various departmental programs and initiatives such as Family Weekend, Sibling Saturday, the Red Raider Family Newsletter, Holiday Bus Trips, the Parent & Family Relations Think Tank, and robust social media accounts to communicate with Texas Tech families. For each of the previously mentioned programs, she is diligent about program assessment and review to ensure we are meeting the needs of the students and their families. She continually seeks out opportunities to gain new skills and experiences through presentations, publications, conference attendance, and serving the university and professional associations.

Parent & Family Relations was recently involved in reorganization project in which the department moved from Student Affairs to Academic Innovation and Student Success. Seeing this reorganization as an opportunity, Christine began working to establish and maintain connections with academic units on campus to better serve the families of students in more individualized ways. This demonstrates a commitment to embracing change for better to serve students and their families.

Christine joined AHEPPP in 2013 and quickly became involved in a variety of roles. She has served on the Conference Planning Team as the Marketing and Social Media Chair in 2017 and Marketing and Social Media Co-Chair in 2018. She regularly presents at the AHEPPP Annual Conference and currently serves as the representative to the Council for the Advancement of Standards in Higher Education (CAS) for AHEPPP and was elected to the CAS Governing Board in 2023.

Additionally, Christine has taken an active role within the Big 12 Parent Programs Annual Meeting and the Texas Association of College and University Student Personnel Administrators (TACUSPA). In TACUSPA, she has served on the Annual Conference Committee as well as the Director of Marketing on the TACUSPA Board from 2016-2018 and is wrapping up her service on the TACUSPA Foundation Board. At Texas Tech, Christine has taken on the roles of Staff Senate President and an instructor for several courses, including Women's and Gender Studies, Freshman Seminar course (Raider Ready IS1100) and a course for students in academic recovery (PADR). Her investment in her own education, culminating in a Ph.D. in Higher Education Research, has provided her with the additional knowledge and perspective needed to continue to challenge herself

professionally and provide strong leadership skills supported by educational experiences. I am confident that, as an expert in the field and dedicated professional, Christine would be an asset to the AHEPPP Board of Directors, and I would wholeheartedly support her in this role.

If you have any questions, I can be reached at 806-742-3234 or tara.miller@ttu.edu.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Tara Miller". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Tara" and last name "Miller" clearly distinguishable.

Dr. Tara Miller
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