

Jo Co Community College Board of Trustees At-Large 2021

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1. Candidate Information

1. Candidate Name

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2. Candidate Background

6. Occupation/Work History (last 5 years - 25 words or less)

Leasing agent with Cohen Esrey

Server/Bartender at Applebees

7. If you are or have been affiliated with a chamber of commerce or other business organization, please list which organization(s) and any leadership positions you have held.

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8. Other recent political/community experience (50 words or less)

I am on the board of Equality Kansas of Metro Kansas City and advocated for cities to pass non-discrimination ordinances, and other pro-LGBTQ+ policies in Johnson County, and in Kansas.

I also served as a delegate to the 2020 Democratic National Convention.

3. Issues and Policy

9. What would be your top three agenda priorities as a Trustee you would work toward for the betterment of the College and the education it provides? (100 words or less)

Equality- creating safe spaces on campus for black, brown, indigenous, and LGBTQ+ students and faculty, and being vocal about the way we do business with other companies and ensuring that business is equitable.

Education- Putting educators in the spotlight by finding ways to bridge the gap between the faculty and the board, and make sure better listening happens.

Opportunity- Finding fiscally responsible ways to do things to give more students the opportunity to attend JCCC, including lowering the cost of tuition and increasing access to scholarships.

10. With respect to paying for the cost of educating the College's students, where do you stand regarding tuition increases vs. mill levy increases and what is the appropriate way to balance those interests? (100 words or less)

I am not a financial expert, but as a student at the college, I have seen my peers who also need to pay rent, work 40 hours, act as a single parent, and do other things that put financial burdens on them struggle to also attend college. I would rely on financial experts at the college to guide me on ways to not raise but actually LOWER the cost of tuition, while also keeping the mill levy about where it is. I believe we can find a more responsible use of our budget.

11. Kansas is experiencing low unemployment rates and employers are struggling to find qualified workers, especially in technical and skilled trades. What role should Johnson County Community College play with regard to workforce development, locally and statewide? (100 words or less)

An education is one of the most valuable things a person can receive in my opinion, and JCCC offers incredible services to students who are able to attend. The college needs to simply continue to offer the services and courses that it has, but do it in a more equitable way so that any member of our community who wants an education can simply go and get one.

12. What do you see as key aspects of JCCC's coordination with high schools, universities, and other post-secondary educational institutions? (100 words or less)

I believe that the counseling department goes above and beyond to help future and current students meet their goals. As a current student, I have relied on their services myself to try to find out what my next steps should be in my educational career. I think JCCC does an incredible job of helping uplift high schoolers to start their secondary education, and also is amazing at helping students continue that education once completed at JCCC.

13. What is your vision for the College ten years from now? (100 words or less)

I want to see JCCC be a leader in Johnson County, and set a model for what our society should look like: a group of people who understand how to rely on each other and treat each other equally (regardless of race, sex, gender, sexuality, age, disability, etc.), a group of people who gets excited about their education and is always working on learning new things, and a group of people who makes sure that every single person has the opportunity to be whatever and whoever they desire, no matter what.

14. Why do you believe you are uniquely qualified to serve on the JCCC Board of Trustees and why are you seeking this office? (100 words or less)

As an LGBTQ+ student at the college, I believe that I will bring a unique perspective to the board. I would excite a new generation of students and empower them to be their very best selves, unafraid of who they are. I would be a new voice at the table, someone who thinks about and talks about ideas and perspectives that no Trustee has ever had before. I would fight to listen to problems, and do my very best to find real solutions, no matter what it takes.