



2018 Candidate for the Office of Member-at-Large

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I am currently in my 19th year of teaching Physical Education and have taught at all 3 levels (Elem, MS and HS). I am currently teaching elementary Physical Education at the Dell Rapids Public schools in Dell Rapids, SD. I have served on the SHAPE South Dakota Executive Board for the last 11 years and was the SHAPE SD President in 2015-16, SHAPE SD Middle School Teacher of the Year in 2011, and am a current SHAPE America member and have attended the last 8 National Conferences. I hold an undergraduate Physical Education degree and a master's degree in Educational Administration from South Dakota State University. I served on the South Dakota Physical Education standards review board and am always looking to improve Physical Education in South Dakota and in my classroom. As a physical educator, I am always looking to support our program to gain lifelong learners through the promotion of fitness and exercise in and out of the classroom/gym.

What leadership qualities will you bring to the Central District Leadership Council?

I believe that the key attributes for successful leadership is the willingness to collaborate with district and state physical educators to get everyone on the same page. We must bring in all the necessary stakeholders in our individual communities for that one goal to keep our states fit and informed. I believe that being part of the Central District Leadership Council will help promote our profession in positive manner through networking, collaboration, goal setting, gaining knowledge from others and building progressive relationships with other state leaders.