

2018-19 OCPA Executive Board Nominee Information

Nominee Name: Mynett Brower

Nominee Institution: Cuyahoga Community College

Title: Unit Operations Specialist III/Adjunct Faculty

Positions for Consideration: 2 Year Colleges Member-at-Large | Awards Chair

Please describe your involvement with OCPA.

I have not had any direct affiliation with OCPA; however I truly believe that my purpose and goals have aligned themselves with the mission and vision of your organization. My involvement with two years colleges has expanded from being a student to working for the vary organization that graduated me. My approach to wanting to identify the needs of students has taken me away from my basic job duties and thrust me directly into the realm of student champion. Much like your organization, I seek every opportunity to ensure students are receiving the best support for academic and holistic success.

Why are you interested in participating as a member of the OCPA Executive Board?

My interest to become a member of the OCPA Executive Board is a direct correlation between my professional and personal goals for students and your organization's ability to provide the platform to reach even more students. As a board member, I become part of a team of likeminded individuals who are willing to work diligently to develop and implement processes for student success. This board will allow me to generate lifelong connections to fellow student advocates who have proven their desire and commitment.

What qualities and skills do you think you can bring to the indicated positions, and to the OCPA Board?

Working directly in Student Affairs for the past decade; I have garnered many opportunities to be involved on various student centered committees. I have had the opportunity to understand the interworking of projects and goal oriented task. As the Office Manager, in the Student Life Department, I have been responsible for coordinating the Student Leadership Award ceremonies. As a member of other boards; I have learned how to organize meetings and work with the organizational goals as the driving force behind all objectives. Being an Adjunct Faculty member I have the opportunity to work closely with students and to gain a different perspective than I do working with them in my normal job capacity. Again, much of my career has been centered on working with students and engaging with college leaders to make student success a reality.

What do you believe to be the role of professional associations like OCPA?

The role of OCPA and other professional associations is to be an advocate for students' success. It is to develop policies and procedures and share that information in order to garner partnership and lifelong ties in which to magnify the path in which students travel. When

professional associations take on the task of student success it helps to frame the identity of what a holistic approach to learning truly mean. OCPA and other associations should be dedicated to student learning and development and develop initiatives to advance those goals.