

**Name** Gregory Wolcott  
**Institution** San Jose State University  
**Job Title** AVP for Student Success

**Please write a statement describing why you will be a good member of the AHEPPP Board of Directors. Please include particular skills that will suit this role and the ways in which the candidate's leadership will contribute to AHEPPP's mission, programs and initiatives. Limit to 500 words.**

Dear AHEPP,

I am eagerly submitting my self nomination for the AHEPP Board of Directors for the 2024-26 term! I have over 25 years of experience working in higher education at some of the most diverse institutions in the nation, including 15 years experience working with parent and family programs.

I currently serve as the AVP for Student Success at San Jose State University, which is an AANAPISI and HSI. I lead nine departments including our four identity based retention centers, academic support, New Student and Family Programs, foster youth center, and EOP and TRIO which provide holistic support to our first generation low income students. And of course I lead the parent and family programming support, communications, and strategies for the university.

I share this context to articulate my understanding of serving a wide diversity of parents and families. Our university is complex with nearly one-third being first generation, nearly 50% Pell eligible, and being HSI and AANAPISI. This has afforded me the opportunity to think and plan creatively to serve the families of our students. We provide a series of guided programs to help families navigate the hidden curriculum of higher education, and offer programs and publications in other languages. We support our 24 member Family Advisory Board and work with them as partners around student success. These are the perspectives I would bring to the board, and I believe they match well with the mission and goals of AHEPP.

I feel I could help the board carry out its many responsibilities including carrying out board functions and professional development opportunities for members, and fiscal management. I am also comfortable with other responsibilities such as serving on board committees and task forces, conducting evaluations, and monitoring and updating strategic plans. I have experience doing so in other professional organizations including NODA and JASPA. I have served in a variety of roles for NODA including Board of Directors, Faculty for the Orientation Professionals Institute, and External Review Consultant. For JASPA, I served on the AVP Steering Committee for three years while working at the University of San Francisco. My knowledge of working with these organizations would allow me to quickly and effectively begin contributing immediately on the AHEPP Board.

Thank you for your consideration of my application for the board of directors. I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

Dr. Gregory V. Wolcott