

## President Nomination Acceptance

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It is with great enthusiasm, that I accept the nomination of President for the New Jersey Association of Federal Program Administrators. As I have worked within the Bridgeton Public Schools since 2001, in the capacity of Early Childhood Director, Principal and currently the Director of Grants and Funded Programs where I am directly responsible for the ESEA/ESSA entitlement grants, Title IA, Title II, Title III, Title III Immigrant as well as IDEA, Perkins, McKinney Vento as well as working along with the Nonpublic Schools as they collaborate with our district in successfully allocating their federal funds. If elected, it would be my honor to uphold the NJAFPA constitution, policies, and procedures as well as work along with the executive committee and full membership in order to ensure that the NJAFPA stands as the premier organization for providing quality information, resources and guidance regarding federal entitlement programs. If elected, my goals as President for NJAFPA would be:

1. To continue to grow our membership to include those colleagues who work with the varying federal programs within the state of NJ
2. To continue to be a statewide resource for school districts to glean much needed information regarding the educational landscape as it pertains to the successful use of federal funding
3. To increase statewide access to job embedded professional development provided through NJAFPA throughout New Jersey.