



### 2019-2020 PSCA Elections

Election window opens March 16, 2020 by region. Election ends Monday March 23, 2020 at 12:00 PM (Noon).  
All voting details will be sent via email.

#### President-Elect (One Candidate)



**Name:** Jennifer Kirk

**IU#:** 3

**Office Running For:** President Elect (Presidency July 1, 2021)

**Educational Background:**

MEd - Education - School Counseling from University of Pittsburgh  
BS - Psychology from the University of Pittsburgh;  
Enrollment in Doctor of Education Program for Administration and Policy Sciences from University of Pittsburgh;  
Enrollment in the Doctor of Education Program for College and Professional Studies from Northeastern University

**Current Employment Position:**

High School Counselor and Counseling Curriculum Leader at Upper St. Clair High School

**Previous Employment Experience:**

Middle School Counselor at Fort Couch Middle School, Upper St. Clair School District

**Professional /Leadership Experience:** PSCA Secretary 2018-2019 - present;  
Secondary School Counselor Committee Member for Pennsylvania Association of College Admissions Counseling (PACAC);  
Government Relations Committee for PACAC;  
Counselor Leader - Counselor Leader Network for K-12 Career Development for Pennsylvania Department of Education; Vice-President,  
President and Past-President of the Allegheny County School Counselors Association;  
State Board Member - Pennsylvania Association of Student Assistance Professionals

**Professional Memberships:**

American School Counselor Association (ASCA); Pennsylvania School Counselor Association (PSCA);  
Allegheny County School Counselors Association;  
Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development;  
National Association for College Admissions Counseling;  
Pennsylvania Association for College Admissions Counseling;  
Pennsylvania Association for Student Assistance Professionals

**Awards/Publications/Certifications:**

Master of Education, School Counseling Certification, K-12 School Counseling Certification, and K-12 Principal's Certification;  
2015 Pennsylvania School Counselors Association High School Counselor of the Year;  
2018 Duquesne University Supervisor of the Year; 2019 College Board Nationally Recognized Counselor

**Nominee Statement:** Please provide a typed statement (200 words maximum) on the following topic:

**"Why I want to run for office, and what qualities and qualifications I feel that I bring to the office I am running for".**

I have worked in this profession through the lens of both the PSCA Mission Statement and Core Beliefs as a passionate School Counselor for over two decades. This dynamic profession is exciting! I hope to effect change that will positively impact, equity, inclusivity, and access for all students and professionals alike. I see the opportunity and value to build bridges and foster relationships with our partners and colleagues in professional education groups and associations working toward the same end.

As an aware and committed champion of learning, collaborative communication and teamwork will be at the center of my focus. As a leader, I have been a responsible decision maker and contributor who has also compassionately provided and strengthened structures and opportunities that sustain the transformational change that my learning community has sought to undertake. I will provide support for both stakeholder participation in and ownership of our shared organization.

I have never been more proud to say that I am a School Counselor and I would be both proud and humbled to serve as the PSCA President-Elect.

### **Additional President-Elect Questions and Responses**

1. How do you inspire others in the profession of school counseling?

In my daily interactions with those around me, I try to lift all those that I come in contact with whether they are students, colleagues, supervisors, or parent(s)/guardian(s). My passion for the profession of school counseling comes from my inner desire to empower others. I feel it is important for individuals to realize their potential and feel part of the school community. I genuinely care about each of my students and fight for their best interest as a whole child through academic, career, and social-emotional perspectives. My care for students extends beyond the walls of our high school. As a counselor leader I share my passion and experience with aspiring school counselors in various capacities at the graduate level. I find that these opportunities are meaningful and enhance my knowledge and passion but also the knowledge and passion of those I come in contact with.

2. What led you to pursue a career in school counseling?

Due to my passion for helping and empowering others, I decided to pursue a career in school counseling. I have always wanted to see those around me to live to their fullest potential and as a school counselor I have the ability to influence and impact those around me in a positive manner. Also, I have been fortunate enough to have others positively affect me and support me through very challenging and trying times in my life. Many of these individuals have been in the field of education, in particular, school counseling. Knowing how they helped me has inspired me to help others, something I continue to be passionate about to this day.

3. What would a 21st Century School Counselor look like?

The 21st century is vibrant, technology driven, fast paced, and dynamic. Therefore, the 21st century school counselor needs to have a specific set of attitudes, knowledge, and skills to be able to work with all stakeholders including teachers, administrators, families, and students to promote student success in an equitable fashion. With this modern approach, students also have significant needs around mental health and social-emotional aspects that the

21st century school counselor must attend to individually, through group counseling, as well as the school counseling curriculum. With this ever-changing educational landscape, it is important to keep the goals of school improvement at the core of the 21st century counselor's values.

Ballot:

Jennifer Kirk
Write-In

*Region Representatives*

Region Representative - North Central (9, 16, 17) (One Candidate)



**Name:** Marie Gibble

**IU#:** 17

**Office Running For:**

Region Representative, Region:  
North Central (9,16, 17)

**Educational Background:**

B.S. – Psychology, Juniata College  
M.Ed. – School Counseling, Temple University

**Current Employment Position:**

High School Counselor, Troy Area School District

**Previous Employment Experience:**

School Counselor, Lincoln Intermediate Unit, 14 years  
MST Therapist, Adelphoi Village MST Services, 2 years

**Professional /Leadership Experience:**

QPR Trainer  
Suicide Awareness Training Presenter  
SAP Team Coordinator  
District Testing Coordinator

**Professional Memberships:**

American School Counselors' Association  
Pennsylvania School Counselors' Association  
Pennsylvania Association of Student Assistance Professionals

**Awards/Publications/Certifications:**

Educational Specialist - Secondary School Counselor - Level II  
Nationally Certified Counselor - National Board of Certified Counselors

**Nominee Statement:** Please provide a typed statement (200 words maximum) on the following topic:

**“Why I want to run for office, and what qualities and qualifications I feel that I bring to the office”.**

I would like to Run for the North Central Region Representative Position because I would like to serve my school counseling community. I would also like to grow my leadership abilities and be a role model for my students. I would also like to bring more awareness of the school counseling field to the public of my region, helping them to understand the changes that have come about in the field over the years. I believe that as a region representative, I would bring my passion and dedication for the field of school counseling. I have been a school counselor for 17 years and would bring my knowledge of how the field has changed in those short 17 years and a genuine desire to continue to better the field. I believe that I am qualified for this position because of my experience and my continual desire for professional development.

Ballot:

Marie Gible
Write-In

Region Representative - Southeast Region (IU 22, 23, 24, 25, 26) (No  
Candidate: Write - In Ballot only)

Write - In