

## Sample ASAC Nomination Statements

### **Karen Kangas-Preston**

My name is Karen Kangas-Preston and I am a Senior Academic Specialist: Teaching from Theatre. I have been at MSU for 20 years, under a visiting contract for ten years before shifting into the continuing system. I have been working in the College of Arts and Letters this year on creating options for non-tenure faculty by developing recommendations for ways to make promotion meaningful including and beyond the title change. I have been active in creating guidelines for reappointment and promotion for Specialists within the College and we hope that the University can adopt the work we are doing into best practice. As the longest serving Specialist in the Department of Theatre (and one of only two Senior Specialists in CAL) I have served on many reappointment/promotion committees and act as mentor (both officially and unofficially) to many in and out of my unit. As soon as CAL revised bylaws to allow Specialists to serve on College-level committees, I became the Department representative on the College Advisory Committee and served as co-chair for three semesters. I am passionate about equality for Specialists and take every opportunity to remind others of our importance and impact on campus.

### **Ashley Maloff**

My name is Ashley Maloff and I am excited to be considered for the ASAC Committee. I am an Ability Access Specialist within the Resource Center for Persons with Disabilities. My primary responsibilities include assisting students and employees with chronic health and co-occurring conditions to find the right accommodations to maximize their ability and potential. I work to support students and employees holistically and promote inclusive engagement on MSU's campus and beyond. Prior to joining the RCPD, I served as the Learning Skills Specialist at the University of Indianapolis and as an Academic Advisor in the School of Mechanical Engineering at Purdue University. I hold a Master of Education in College Student Affairs Leadership from Grand Valley State University and a bachelor's degree from Michigan State University in Special Education. If elected to ASAC, I am most looking forward to having the opportunity to collaborate, learn from, and share information with so many great people doing amazing work across the University. I am always willing to speak up and share my thoughts, ideas, and feedback. I would look forward to increasing involvement as an Academic Specialist at MSU and continuing to grow the great leadership of this community.

### **Danielle Flores Lopez**

Hello, I am Danielle Flores Lopez. I have been a Specialist-Advisor since 2007. I am the Assistant Director of Student Success for the College of Natural Science. I have earned my Bachelor's, Master's, and Teaching and Learning in Postsecondary Education certificate at Michigan State University. I am also a third-year doctoral student in Higher Adult and Lifelong Education. I was elected in 2018 for a two-year board member position representing Specialists, for ChiLA (Chicano Latino Faculty and Staff Association). My goals for serving on ASAC include fostering ways in which we can better support one another and continuing to make sure that Specialists are recognized, represented, and have a voice.