

HAVEE MAKEDON

CANDIDATE FOR OAKTON COMMUNITY COLLEGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

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Occupation: Substitute Teacher

Education: Bachelor of Arts from Elmhurst College; Master of Arts from Ludwig Maximilian University

Civic Involvement: Community Organizing in Des Plaines

1. Why are you running?

As an educator, I know the importance of public education in fostering a more capable workforce and an educated population. Public education imparts on members of society the skills needed to be functional members of their communities, making it one of our most important social institutions. One of my firmest convictions is that public education is an investment that society makes in anticipation that such investments will pay dividends in the future. This is why school districts require capable individuals that can adequately manage resources to maximize learning potential and make efficient use of public funds. As a seasoned academic and educator, I would offer the Oakton Community College Board the unique perspectives and ideas that would allow it to run smoothly, and my ambition is to balance the interests of students, administrators, faculty, and taxpayers. My reason for running is really just to give back to my local community in a way that I feel I can be helpful.

2. What are your qualifications?

Besides being an educator, I have a Master of Arts from Ludwig Maximilian University in Munich, Germany. As a student, I was trained as an academic in the social sciences and statistics, from which I developed valuable skills that will aid me in being an effective board member. In terms of working with quantitative data, for example, there might not be a better candidate running for this position.

3. What do you hope to accomplish during your tenure on the board?

My hope for the board of trustees within my six-year term will be for us to have achieved a measure of success in assisting student-oriented growth, expanding opportunities for well-performing members of our community, and ensuring that Oakton Community College remains a safe place of learning. Besides these goals, which I'm sure the vast majority would agree with, there are numerous issues where we see plenty of disagreement and lack of compromise. A goal of my tenure will be to work with all interested parties in finding balance and compromise. The point of holding office, I believe, is to work with all interested parties in ensuring that all stakeholders have their voices heard and that the representative body makes decisions that will attempt to satisfy the interests of all concerned parties. In recent years, the board has been dominated by toxic political differences that are threatening the body's ability to manage the college's affairs, and solving this division is perhaps the most pressing issue facing the board today.