

CYNTHIA VEREMIS

CANDIDATE FOR OAKTON COMMUNITY COLLEGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Candidate Name: Cynthia Veremis
Website: None
Occupation: Human Resources Director, LSG Sky Chefs, North America Region
Education: DePaul University School for New Learning, Major - Human Resources. Also attended classes at Community Colleges, including Oakton, Triton and Community College of Denver

Civic Involvement: Des Plaines Chamber of Commerce – 2017 Board of Directors, 2018 President-Elect, 2019 President; Des Plaines Chamber of Commerce Scholarship Committee – Committee member; Brown Street Condominium Association – President; Des Plaines Comprehensive Plan Steering Committee – Committee member; Des Plaines Fall Fest, Taste of Des Plaines, Winter Wonderland, 4th of July Parade - volunteer

1. Why are you running?

I believe in giving back to the community and I have years of valuable business and people experience that I can offer. I would be honored to work with my fellow trustees to continuously improve Oakton Community College by being an advocate for our students, our faculty, our community and the tax payers of District 535. To serve on the Board of such a reputable institution would be a most rewarding and fulfilling experience.

2. What are your qualifications?

- 49 years with LSG Sky Chefs, a global company owned by Lufthansa Airlines, 34,000 employees
- 40-year resident of District 535 with an understanding of our demographics and the needs of our residents
- 35 years in Human Resources, a Senior Professional Human Resources (SPHR), with multi-state responsibilities
- Have worked in and managed a diverse multi-cultural workforce my entire career
- Understand the challenges that people face at all levels and at all stages in their adult life and what they need to succeed.
- As a human resources professional I've become aware of the value a community college can bring to students. I have provided learning opportunities for our workforce through Oakton's on-site classes such as English as a Second Language and technical training such as electronics, blue print reading, and food service sanitation certification. In addition, I have had our management attend leadership training through Oakton's program with the Des Plaines Chamber of Commerce.
- I have a passion to help people succeed by understanding their needs, removing barriers, providing access to opportunities, creating pathways and inspiring individuals to achieve their goals. I have done this my entire career at LSG Sky Chefs for 1,000's of employees.

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

Enable students to be successful in their current employment, future careers and in general enriching their lives through the many avenues of learning that Oakton has to offer.