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Humane education is universal – a constant personal, professional, physical, social and emotional mission. APHE supports this mission by providing numerous member benefits. Through APHE, members can collaborate with others and have access to creative ideas for engaging youth, adults, and communities in humane opportunities. I wish to serve on the APHE board to contribute to the association’s reach, breadth, depth, and overall reach for current and new members. Additionally, I thoroughly appreciate my time as the editor of the *Humane Education Quarterly* and hope to continue my professional growth within the field.

I find meaning through a hard day’s work and with the mission to improve the lives of others. I confront challenges with fidelity, detailed organization, and perseverance. I enjoy collaborating with others to accomplish tasks and achieve goals. I will utilize these inherent and practiced traits when serving as an APHE board member.

I am employed as a Youth Programs Coordinator at the Wisconsin Humane Society Milwaukee Campus. I have worked with the Wisconsin Humane Society youth programs team since June 2020. During the 2020 fiscal year, 4,253 young people were served through our youth programs. Before my time with the Wisconsin Humane Society, I taught in public schools throughout the state of Wisconsin from 2016-2020. My most recent teaching position 5K-8th Grade Art Teacher where I practiced empathy with over 100 individual students in my classroom each day.