

Xiara Quinn
Candidacy Statement
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Xiara Quinn (Ms./she/her) is a passionate educator whose work is driven by empathy, equity, and compassion. In 2022, Xiara was awarded Emerging Early Childhood Professional of the Year from the Southwest Ohio affiliate of NAEYC (SWOAEYC). In that same year, she joined Groundwork Ohio's Early Childhood Leadership Fellowship and supported their launch of the Family Action Network. She serves on the Advisory Board for Queen's Village Cincinnati, an organization dedicated to providing spaces of community, rest, and healing for Black women in order to improve infant and maternal health conditions and outcomes. Xiara holds a B.S. in Human Development and Community Engagement from the University of Cincinnati. She is pursuing a M.Ed. for Early Childhood from the American College of Education.

Xiara is a Lead Teacher with Learning Grove in Cincinnati, Ohio. In this role, she ensures that every child in her care receives individualized care while building collaborative partnerships with their families. Xiara takes pride as an advocate, not only for children and families in her classroom, but for her fellow teachers as well. She aims to bring the stories of classroom teachers into every decision-making space that she is a part of. These include the Public Policy Committee and the Equity Committee for SWOAEYC, and the Recruitment and Retention Committee for Learning Grove's Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Task Force. Xiara's main objective for her work outside of the classroom is to troubleshoot the barriers keeping classrooms from being adequately staffed with passionate, gifted, and diverse educators.

If voted to serve as the Student Member of the Governing Board, Xiara will commit to elevating the expertise of early childhood classroom teachers to ensure that any effort to bring power to the profession will center the voices of those who are on the frontlines.