

# Amanda Sargent, MSW

Future Readiness Expert | Motivational Speaker



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## SUMMARY

I've worked in the fields of *college access* and *program development* for more than a decade. In my roles as a school board trustee, college admissions advisor, outreach coordinator and program director, I've garnered insights and expertise as a future readiness practitioner.

## EDUCATION

2018

Master of Social Work

### THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT ARLINGTON

- Concentration in Community Administrative Practice

2013

B.A. in African and African Diaspora Studies, Minor in Education

### THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT ARLINGTON

- Studied abroad in Accra, Ghana and worked at Ashaiman Senior High School.
- Co-founded the Ashaiman Texas Connection to connect future study abroad participants with Ashaiman students.
- Served as Chaplin and Vice President of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority

## CAREER

NOV 2020 - PRESENT

INROADS, National Nonprofit

### PROGRAM MANAGER FOR COLLEGE LINKS AND LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT ACADEMY

Lead and coordinate national and regional initiatives to increase the recruitment and retention of underrepresented student groups in the corporate space.

- Multiplied the organization's impact by growing the Dallas program from 13 to 127 students.
- Coached 53 college students with internships on a monthly basis; conducted 25 recruitment presentations to national organizations, government entities and school districts; and hosted 17 training sessions for college students transitioning into the corporate workplace.

NOV 2019 - NOV 2020

Dallas Independent School District

### WORKPLACE LEARNING COORDINATOR

Developed and implemented a comprehensive industry engagement plan for high school students at 18 P-TECH campuses across Dallas ISD, the 14th largest public school district in the U.S.

- Partnered with local businesses to provide students with eight field activities for career exploration and preparation, organized 21 speaker events and onboarded 137 students to web-based platforms.
- Executed a student recruitment plan that included engaging with staff and students at 23 middle schools and several community churches and charter schools.

**SEPT 2014 -  
NOV 2019**

**The  
University of  
Texas at  
Austin**

**DIRECTOR OF UT OUTREACH DALLAS** (JUL 2018 - NOV 2019)

**OUTREACH COLLEGE COUNSELOR** (SEP 2014 - JUN 2018)

Directed the planning and implementation of college readiness and enrichment services targeted to underrepresented high school students in the Dallas region.

- Increased the number of students served by more than 1200%, from 500 to more than 6,100.
- Successfully contributed to an increase in student diversity at UT Austin by nearly tripling the number of applications for admission submitted by underrepresented students from specific high schools and doubling the amount of admitted students from the Dallas region.
- Managed the UT Outreach Dallas operations budget (\$37,500) and the Longhorn Pre-College Academy Scholarship Program (\$110,000).
- Provided individual college counseling services to 780 high school students and developed a multi-year GEAR UP grant curriculum for DeSoto ISD's 2020 and 2021 graduating classes.

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## **POLITICAL APPOINTMENTS**

**MAY 2018 -  
MAY 2021**

**DeSoto ISD  
School Board  
Trustee Place  
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**SCHOOL BOARD TRUSTEE**

**BOARD PRESIDENT** (NOV 2020 - MAY 2021)

- Collaborated with trustees, the Texas Education Agency, district staff and community members to set the vision and student outcomes goals for 12 campuses that educate more than 8,500 students and employ 1,050 staff members.
- Developed and led a COVID response plan that included resource allocation, a digital learning hub, securing grant funds and re-entry protocols for staff and students.

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## **HONORS & AWARDS**

**SPRING 2021**

*DeSoto ISD Hall of Honor 2021*

**SPRING 2018**

*Alpha Epsilon Education Foundation Excellence in Teaching Award*

**SPRING 2017**

*Most Influential Person, Academic Signing Day*

**FALL 2016**

*Counselor of the Week*

**FALL 2016**

*Stanford University Exceptional Teaching Award*

**SPRING 2015**

*Top 25 Teacher Excellence Award*

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## **ADDITIONAL EXPERIENCE**

**Graduate Intern**, Center for Addiction and Recovery Studies | Aug 2017 - May 2018

**Admissions Advisor**, National American University | Oct 2013 - Jul 2014

**Customized Programs Specialist—HACA Program Coordinator**, Girl Scouts of Central Texas | Aug 2012 - Aug 2013

**Summer Vista**, Con Mi Madre for AmeriCorps | Jun 2012 - Aug 2012

**Peer Advisor**, UT Austin International Study Abroad Office | Jun 2011 - Dec 2011