

## **Gerrod Tyler- Applicant for President-Elect FSPTA**

“My name is Gerrod Tyler and I am the current Vice President of Leadership for Free State PTA seeking the office of President-Elect. I am the proud father of a rising 9<sup>th</sup> grader with a GPA of 4.25 who attends Maya Angelou French Immersion World School.

As the Vice President of Leadership, I have launched our first Winter Leadership Training, partnered with the Maryland Council of School Safety to host a workshop on Cyberbully and Hate Crimes through social media, and launched our Summer Leadership Training in June 2022. My committee has worked tirelessly to assist local units in need of training and formulated training based on member feedback.

My additional duties on the Free State Board of Directors include serving as the chair of the Convention Committee where we planned this year’s Convention and as a member of the Finance Committee where we oversee the Finances of Free State PTA.

In addition to my role as Vice President of Leadership, I recently served as the President of the Maya Angelou French Immersion PTSA located in Temple Hills, MD where I was elected two terms. Prior to my election as President, I served as the chair of both the Legislative and Programs Committee. I believe with my leadership; I have fostered an outstanding partnership with our school administration. Some of the highlights of my leadership includes advocating for technology for our scholars, increasing our local unit membership during a pandemic, creating a Men Make a Difference Committee that mentors the male scholars of the school and successfully advocating for HVAC and window replacement infrastructure projects for our school. I have partnered with several sponsors to bring PTA partners such as Facebook and Google to our school for Digital Safety Events as well have acquired numerous grants for our school.

Professionally, I am a Contract Administration Specialist for the Universal Service Administrative Company where we oversee and administer the Universal Service Fund (10 billion dollars) for the FCC. I believe my experience with contracts is a valuable asset in the continued formation of Free State PTA. I have served as a Project Manager, Office Manager for nonprofit organization, and a host of team lead roles in my professional career.

My educational achievements include a Bachelor of Science (Cum Laude) and Associate of Arts degree in Information Systems from Strayer University.

My philosophy is that as a community, there is no limit to what we can achieve if we are engaged, committed, and dedicated to the mission of PTA. I believe I can use my knowledge, experience, and skill sets help our organization grow and equip future leaders for years to come. I honestly believe the best has yet to come and if elected, I am committed to work tirelessly to collaborate with members to make our State PTA organization members are proud to be a member