URMIA Election Candidate 2025

Individual Profile			
Name:	Samantha McClelland	Position:	Board of Director – Institution
Title:	Director, Operational Risk Management	Organization:	George Mason University
Designations:		Years in Higher Ed RM:	17 years
Gender:	Female	Race:	Black/Afro- Caribbean/African American
Organization Profile			
Membership category:	Institutional Tier 6	Student FTE of institution:	30,407
Type of institution	Public, Four-Year Institution, Research Institution	Two-year institution:	No



What leadership skills and talents make you a good candidate?

With over 25 years of experience in Higher Education and a foundational background in law enforcement, I bring a unique and well-rounded leadership profile that aligns well with the responsibilities of a board member. My career has been defined by a consistent commitment to ethical leadership, service to others, and organizational excellence.

What would you bring to the board (e.g., thought leadership, talent, skillset, ability, etc.)?

I would bring my ability to lead with emotional intelligence, understanding the importance of listening and collaboration, while also possessing the resolve to make tough, strategic decisions when necessary. My strengths lie in mentorship, organizational insight, and ethical governance.