



2021 National Vicepresident Candidate



James Wilkins, California

Hello everyone! I am James Wilkins and it brings me pure pride and excitement to announce my candidacy for National Vice President for JCI USA for 2021.

I joined the Cupertino Jaycees in 2002 where I had the opportunity to start my Jaycee career off strong and make an impact. The chapter was dying at the time; however, I was able to bring it back to life through recruitment, retention and activation. We ran several signature projects which gained recognition on the state level and even started a new project, the American Hero's Gala, which generated a TOYA recipient, Jill Sproul, that year. I held several offices with the Cupertino Jaycees, including President.

In 2009 I had a calling to join the US Navy where I served for over seven (7) years. I enjoyed serving my Country during those 7 years and grew a lot; however, sadly a back injury prevented me from continuing my career with the Navy. During my tenure, I received countless awards and was Honorably Discharge after my injury.

After my Honorable Discharge from the Navy, I returned to living in California and resumed my service with the Jaycees. While I was in the Navy, the Cupertino and San Jose Jaycees decided to merge together to make one stronger chapter. I joined the San Jose Jaycees upon my return where I served as President.

In 2019 I stepped up to the State level and served as the California Jaycees Executive Vice-President working side by side with the State President in order to help the chapters grow. Together we motivated chapters to grow through working projects, recruitment, and advertisement through social media. The chapters in California began to grow. In 2020, I then became State President. When I took on the responsibility of State President, I would never have anticipated the challenges that I would be facing as the leader of the state (Covid-19). I knew this was a new challenge that I would embrace and overcome by supporting the chapters by any means possible such as encouraging them to think outside the box and hold virtual meetings and socials. Nothing has brought more pride than to see my chapters grow during the Pandemic of Covid-19 and to see how they are still able to make an impact in their communities.

I currently live in San Jose, CA with my roommates and my dog Batman. I am currently pursuing a Bachelor's degree in Business Management with a focus on Business Intelligence and Analytics. I am on schedule to complete my degree by December 2020. I am currently employed by Sagacent Technologies as the Service/Operations Manager.

I believe in this organization's philosophy and beliefs, and that earth's great treasure lies in human personality, and that service to humanity is the best work of life.