

## Maria Santana-Polanco - Candidate Statement

I am Maria Santana-Polanco, a candidate for the American Culinary Federation Central Region Ethics Committee. I have more than eleven (11) years of experience in the food service industry, with a background in culinary operations, food safety, education, and food service leadership.

I currently serve as a Board Member and Grand Rapids Community College Liaison from my local ACF chapter, and as an Adjunct Professor at Grand Rapids Community College.

I am seeking this role to support fairness, professionalism, and ethical standards within the organization while contributing my experience in education, food safety, and food service leadership.