

Sometimes you must leave and come back to what is meant for you. My introduction email on January 27, 2019, had six names on the mailing list. I did take a hiatus for personal reasons, but purpose brought me back to ASWIS. Now, there are more than six names on the list serv; the organization and I have grown at an exponential rate since 2019. That is why I hope to serve as a Member At-Large for the ASWIS. I want to serve this organization with the intent to strengthening the community through connection, education and impact.

Who am I? My name is Justin Singleton. I received my B.S. in Sociology from Lander University, a M.S.S.W. from the University of Tennessee-Knoxville, and a D.S.W. from the University of Memphis.

My contribution to Sport Social Work started through my self-starting and entrepreneurial spirit. I started by launching JustSingle Vision Consulting to support athletes and their ecosystem by offering trainings stressing the importance of mental health and wellness and providing mental performance consulting to athletes. My podcast, "...And Then We Win!" created a space to inform listeners about Sport Social Work because I grew weary of people saying they did not know Sport Social Work existed. Currently, I serve as an Assistant Professor and Director of the Sport Social Work Training Research Innovation Voice and Engagement (S.T.R.I.V.E.) Lab at Middle Tennessee State University. I am an active member of the NASW Sport Social Work Task Force because I believe in the future of this discipline.

My vision for the future of ASWIS is simple.

- Promote pathways for emerging professionals and students to enter Sport Social Work.
- Support the expansion of continuing education efforts that reflect the multiple systems of Social Work.
- Encourage and support year-round engagement beyond the ASWIS Symposium.
- Seek and use member feedback for future initiatives.
- Advocate and elevate the role of Sport Social Workers in sport systems.

I believe in the Alliance of Social Workers in Sports. When I believe in an organization, I support all efforts to ensure the organization leaves better than the way that I left it. My strength in connecting people, translating ideas into practice and strengthening the future of Social Work will stand as the principles for this work and will make me a viable candidate for the Member at-Large position.