

### **Patrice Buckner Jackson, EdD.**

Patrice Buckner Jackson, EdD was raised in the town of Hampton, South Carolina. She graduated from Wade Hampton High School in 1998. Dr. Jackson attended the College of Charleston in Charleston, South Carolina and received a Bachelor of Science in Sociology and a Minor in Criminal Justice in the Fall of 2001. She then attended Webster University in San Antonio, TX and earned a Master of Arts degree in Counseling in the Spring of 2004. Dr. Jackson completed her Doctor of Education degree in Educational Leadership at Georgia Southern University where her research focused on the role of the Dean of Students during campus crisis. Dr. Jackson is married to Reverend Edward Jackson and they have one daughter, Miss Daiyonah Jackson.

Possibly exceeding her commitment to the pursuit of excellence in scholarship and achievement is her dedication to professional development in Student Affairs. While attending Webster University, Patrice Jackson served as a graduate assistant in the Office of Residence Life and Housing for the College of Charleston. In this capacity, she assisted the Director of Judicial Affairs in the conduct of judicial proceedings and student services in Residence Life while supporting the resident student experience within the halls and historic houses. In July of 2002 at the College of Charleston, she acquired the position of Assistant Registrar of Records Management, through which she advised students and staff concerning academic records, assisted in coordinating commencement activities, and served on numerous committees. She expanded upon this experience by moving to the position of Academic Records Analyst in the Office of the Registrar at Trinity University in San Antonio. In the summer of 2004 while at St. Mary's University, she served as a Residence Hall Director where she was committed to maintaining a safe and community-oriented learning environment for undergraduate residents.

Her dedication and relentless drive led to her speedy promotion to the position of Director of Judicial Affairs and Community Education in 2005. In this position, her duties and tasks, included the supervision and guidance of initiatives to develop and maintain an environment congruent to the mission of St. Mary's University, the review and processing of all student incidents in accordance with the Student Conduct Code, the support of student crisis prevention, the training of resident assistants and members of the University Judicial Board, and the revision and upkeep of policies pertinent to Judicial Affairs. Her various roles in this position include serving as an instructor of a First Year Experience course for incoming freshman students, chair of both the University Sexual Assault Task Force and University Alcohol and Drug Taskforce, counselor and advisor to student peer education groups, supervisor to support, undergraduate, and graduate staff in the Office of Judicial Affairs. She also took on several additional duties and tasks as a result of a Dean of Students vacancy serving as a University resource to students, parents, faculty and staff.

Patrice Jackson moved to Statesboro, Georgia in the fall of 2007 where she was welcomed as an Assistant Dean of Students and Director of Judicial Affairs at Georgia Southern University. In addition to applying all of her previous experiences to serve in this role, she also worked to oversee student conduct, conflict and crisis management, and to coordinate activities, programs, and initiatives that promote total student

development. In addition to this role, Patrice Jackson also served as an adjunct faculty member for East Georgia College teaching courses in psychology and student success. Dr. Jackson created Georgia Southern V.A.L.U.E.S., a civility initiative which is rooted in responsible decision-making. Further, she developed a Dean of Students Crisis Management Plan, facilitated a Student Grievance policy, and served as a liaison and advocate for students by identifying campus resources and services. She avidly supported the Dean of Students Office by introducing assessment efforts and policies to improve student customer service. In February 2012, Patrice Buckner Jackson was appointed as Interim Dean of Students at Georgia Southern University. The position became permanent in June 2012. Dr. Jackson served diligently in the Dean of Students role leading the Student Services Unit until she was promoted to Associate Vice President and Dean of Student of the newly consolidated Georgia Southern University in January 2018. Post-consolidation, Dr. Jackson assisted in building the new Division of Students Affairs at Georgia Southern University until she was named Vice President for Student Affairs and Dean of Students at Albany State University in October 2018. At Albany State, Dr. Jackson led the Division of Student Affairs including the Dean of Students Office, Campus Housing, Counseling, Disability Services, Student Health Services, Career Services, Student Conduct, Greek Life, Student Engagement, Peer Mentor Support, Student Government, and the newly created Student Support Unit. Dr. Jackson was successful in organizing the Division of Student Affairs at Albany State post-consolidation, introducing a student engagement model to the campus as well as reintroducing the P3 Peer Mentors program and a full Week of Welcome for First Year students. Dr. Jackson worked diligently to bridge the gap between the classroom and co-curricular experiences by creating partnerships between academic affairs and student affairs through the P3 program, ASU 1101 class, First Friday Service opportunities and the VPSA House Calls program.

Through the years, Dr. Jackson has consistently found opportunities to share lessons she has learned along the way to audiences which include student leaders, student affairs practitioners, emergency management services leadership, and hospital personnel. Some of her most notable presentations include: “Conflict Management”, “Ethical Decision Making in Student Affairs”, “The Myth of Balanced Time”, “Leading through Civility”, and “The Student Affairs Response to Free Expression”.

Patrice Buckner Jackson has been lauded by her colleagues for her commitment to the positive experiences and development of her students, her relentless pursuit of excellence in higher education, and her superior level of professionalism. Students applaud her tenacity as an advocate for students, her fitness of character, and her initiative and willingness to go the extra mile. These traits are evident in her works each and every day, and one can only anticipate the impact that she will make over the course of her career and life.