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Shannon Domingue Named Assistant Director of Louisiana GEAR UP

BATON ROUGE, LA – Shannon Domingue has been named Assistant Director of Louisiana's Gaining Early Awareness and Readiness for Undergraduate Programs (LA GEAR UP).

Domingue has been a member of the LA GEAR UP staff for the past five years, serving first as a Program Coordinator and later as an Administrative Technician. He has experience working with participating schools and districts in various areas, including budget management, communications, and program development & management.

Domingue has also been responsible for the operation of the Rewards for Success scholarship program and the Make a Difference grant application and grant making process for LA GEAR UP.

"It brings me great excitement to embark on this challenging new journey as Assistant Director for Louisiana GEAR UP," Domingue said. "Over the past five years, I have worked together with staff and partners to increase access to post-secondary education to underserved populations including working closely with the START Savings Program staff to disburse over \$1.8 million in Rewards for Success scholarships to students. I look forward to building even stronger partnerships within LOSFA and to building on solid foundations to lead Louisiana GEAR UP into the next chapter of its distinguished history."

As Assistant Director for Louisiana GEAR UP, Domingue will serve as operational manager of the LA GEAR UP state grant under the direction of the Louisiana Office of Financial Assistance (LOSFA) Assistant Executive Director for Programs, Dr. Sujuan Boutte, and the Project Director, LOSFA Executive Director Melanie Amrhein. He assumed his new duties on January 8, 2013.

"We are very fortunate to have someone with Shannon's enthusiasm, knowledge and experience to lead LA GEAR UP into its next stage as the cohort advances closer towards its goal of graduation and college participation," Amrhein said. "His dedication to this program and its students was a key factor in his selection."

Domingue holds a Bachelor of Arts in English Literature and a Master's of Library & Information Science from Louisiana State University. He also completed a Post Baccalaureate Teaching Certification Program at Letourneau University in Austin, TX.

Prior to his LA GEAR UP work, Domingue taught English at White Castle High School in Iberville Parish. He also worked as a substitute teacher for two years in the Austin Independent School District.

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