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Boutté named LOSFA Executive Director



BATON ROUGE -- The Louisiana Student Financial Assistance Commission (LASFAC) has named Dr. Sujuan Boutté as Executive Director of the Louisiana Office of Student Financial Assistance (LOSFA).

Boutté assumed her new role on September 18, following a three-month period as Interim Executive Director.

"I consider being entrusted with this leadership role a great honor," said Boutté. "I have the privilege of guiding a team of hard working individuals who are truly dedicated to providing college access services to Louisiana students and families. I am also committed to continued collaboration with our network of partner agencies and organizations to provide equity of access to the individuals we proudly serve."

Before assuming her role as LOSFA's Interim Executive Director, Boutté served the agency as Deputy Executive Director and Chief Operations Officer. In this capacity she oversaw the agency's Scholarship and Grants, START, GEAR UP, and Information Technology divisions.

Boutté came to LOSFA from the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality (LDEQ) where she served as a Workforce Planning Executive Consultant for two years.

Prior to her stint with LDEQ, Boutté was LOSFA's Chief Research and Planning Officer. During her tenure, she was instrumental in conforming the agency's strategic plan to statutory and regulatory standards. Subsequently she established procedures to ensure that the agency's strategic plan, operating plan and performance standards remained aligned and that the agency's performance indicators were properly and timely reported.

Boutté also served as Assistant Secretary of Workforce Development at the former Louisiana Department of Labor (LDOL) for more than seven years, receiving recognition from Regional USDOL for her contributions to the field of employment and training. While with LDOL she provided oversight of the federal job-training program (The Workforce Investment Act), in addition to managing the Employment Services Program (Job Service Offices), the Community Service Block Grant Program (Community Action Agency Offices) and the Incumbent Worker Training Program.

A former educator with a bachelor's degree in Early Childhood Education, master's degree in Elementary School Administration and a specialist's and doctorate degree in Education

Technology from Northwestern State University (NSU), Boutté has over 31 years experience in education and high level management positions.

Prior to her LDOL work, Boutté served for more than two years as Director of Public Service for NSU and for one year as coordinator of IBM's Teacher Training in Technology Program – where she forged partnerships with cable, phone and emerging technology companies to aid in teacher training. She has earned numerous awards and recognition over the past 31 years in the field of training and development: Teacher of the Year, Outstanding Young Educator, Turner Broadcasting National Faculty Member, and IBM Education Specialist due to her demonstration of innovative instructional methods.

Boutté started her career as a teacher. She taught for 13 years, spending the majority of her teaching career at NSU's Lab School, where she formed partnerships with BellSouth, McDonalds, Winn Dixie and other private industries to provide hands-on learning materials and experiences for her students in the classroom.

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