

## Bio for Patrice Buckner Jackson, EdD.

Patrice Buckner Jackson, EdD is a leader, a teacher, a coach and an advocate for students and those who serve others. She has over 20 years of experience in higher education and more than ten years of experience in executive training. Dr. Jackson is married to Reverend Edward Jackson and they have one daughter and a yorkie name Bella.

Through the years, Dr. Jackson has consistently found opportunities to share lessons she has learned along the way to audiences which include leaders from various capacities. In 1999, Dr. Jackson founded EduCare Training and Consulting LLC offering executive training and coaching to groups and individuals who work from the heart. 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”. She is also the host of the “Heart Work with PBJ” podcast where the focus is to disrupt cycles of burnout for compassionate professionals.

In higher education, she has served in many capacities from student assistant as an undergraduate to executive leadership in student affairs and enrollment management. Noteworthy accomplishments in higher education include creating Georgia Southern V.A.L.U.E.S., a civility initiative which is rooted in responsible decision-making. As the first female Dean of Students in the history of Georgia Southern University, 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. Dr. Jackson assisted in building the new Division of Students Affairs at Georgia Southern University post-consolidation 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. 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. Currently, Dr. Jackson serves as Associate Vice President for Student Affairs at Augusta University where she leads the Student Engagement Unit including Housing and Residence Life, Campus Recreation, Multicultural Student Engagement, Student Life and Engagement, and the Maxwell Theatre.

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.