## Cortny R Jarrell's Biography

## Cortny R Jarrell is a native of Baton Rouge, Louisiana. She is a candidate for First Vice-President of the Southern University Alumni Federation. Cortny is committed to maximizing fundraising and focusing on alumni engagement. She is an energetic, enthusiastic and an engaging individual.

She is a skilled professional with 14 years of Human Resources experience in management and non-management positions. Presently, Cortny is a Human Resources Analyst for the Louisiana House of Representatives where she manages all aspects of human resource programs that includes, job classifications, employee benefits, staffing, terminations, discipline and employee engagement for Louisiana State Legislative employees.

Cortny is a proud alumna of Southern University and A&M College. She holds a Bachelors of Arts Degree in Family & Consumer Sciences, Child Development (2003) and a Master's Degree in Public Administration from the Nelson Mandela School of Public Policy (2006).

Her greatest achievement while giving back to Southern University as an alumna was serving as the two-term President of the Southern University Alumni Federation Home Chapter (2014-2018). During her presidency, the chapter became the **"fastest growing chapter in the Jaguar Nation."** The chapter not only flourished in membership, but also in sold out events, which led to the following chapter accomplishments, (but not limited to):

- Awarded thousands of dollars in scholarships to graduating high school seniors, undergraduate and graduate students attending Southern University;
- Gifted the Human Jukebox with over five thousand dollars in scholarships;
- Provided the entire Football team with custom blazers and neckties to enhance their professional appearance; and
- Became the first alumni chapter inducted as a founding member of the 1880 Society, which provides funding for student scholarships, faculty grants and strategic University initiatives.

Cortny is a well-rounded individual. She is an active member of the Gamma Eta Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated, where she serves as the Chairperson of "Target 1: HBCU For Life: A Call to Action" and represents her Chapter as the Chief of Staff on the Greater Baton Rouge Pan-Hellenic Council. Cortny is a volunteer Captain for the Southern University 1880 Society, Million Dollar March (MDM) campaign where she has secured thousands of dollars for the University. She serves as a member of the Mayor's 2021 Youth Advisory Literary Task Force and is a member of the Society for Human Resources Management (SHRM).

Cortny knows that her success is attributed to her belief in the Holy Trinity, support from her parents (Roosevelt and Myrtis Jarrell), countless mentors, and childhood upbringing.

Having lived, invested, and worked side-by-side with employees from various corporations in Baton Rouge, La, i.e. ExxonMobil, State Farm Insurance, Blue Cross Blue Shield, Junior League of Baton Rouge, Assurance Tax, Coors Distributors, Coca Cola Bottling Company, Lamar Advertising, Aaramark Services, Tony's Seafood, Montalbano's Seafood, Baton Rouge Airport, etc., all have supported and invested in the Home Chapter. Cortny will bring an enhanced level of commitment, partnerships, and energy to the national level. **Cortny R Jarrell is the best**  candidate to serve as your next First Vice-President of the Southern University Alumni Federation.