

LeShonne W. Segura

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LeShonne W. Segura is the Director of College Programming at Chicago Bulls College Prep, a Noble Network Charter School, where she was the founding college counselor and Collegiate Seminar teacher. In her current role, she counsels her students, the majority of whom are first-generation students of color, on how to apply to, select, and enroll in college. Since 2013, all of LeShonne's seniors have been accepted into 4-year colleges or universities and her students are collectively outperforming the national college graduation rate by 350%.



LeShonne is passionate about urban education and college access. She is a member of the Alumni Council for the Right Angle Foundation, a non-profit that creates awareness of, provides funding for, and supports high-achieving and low-income student participation in summer programs on college campuses. She has also participated in national education-based, non-profits including City Year and Teach For America. LeShonne is inspired by opportunities to collaborate with education leaders and apply her leadership and college counseling experience to have a sustainable impact on the lives of Chicago's youth.

LeShonne grew up in Chicago's Humboldt Park community, attended Noble Street College Prep and became the first in her family to graduate from high school and attend a four-year college. She earned a Bachelor of Arts in Sociology from Amherst College in Massachusetts, and while attending Amherst served as an executive board member of La Causa, a social justice organization for students interested in Latino issues and culture. LeShonne is currently pursuing a Master of Arts in Teaching at Relay Graduate School of Education.

A fitness enthusiast and self-proclaimed foodie, LeShonne often spends her weekends rating local restaurants. A hobby which allows her to engage in long dinner conversations about race and politics with her husband, a community organizer - then challenge him to fitness competitions. LeShonne and her husband live in Chicago.