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FCAN Announces Charleita Richardson as New Executive Director

Richardson previously served as President and CEO of Partnership for the Future

The search for the dynamic and passionate leader who will oversee the next phase of FCAN's work is complete! After a thoughtful search process with the University of South Florida (USF) and community partners, Florida College Access Network is excited to announce **Charleita Richardson** as its next Executive Director. She will join FCAN, a statewide organization hosted by USF, on August 31st.

Richardson comes to FCAN from Richmond, Virginia, where for the past 12 years she has served as the President and CEO of Partnership for the Future, an organization dedicated to providing high-achieving students with the fuel they need to pursue their aspirations. As a champion for students in her community, she was recently recognized as a [Richmond Times-Dispatch Person of the Year Honoree](#) and [Richmond History Maker](#), among other honors. She and Partnership for the Future are also active members of the National College Attainment Network, and Richardson has presented multiple times at the NCAN conference and participated in NCAN's advocacy initiatives, among other involvement.

Richardson holds a bachelor's degree in accounting from Randolph-Macon College and a Master of Business Administration degree from Strayer University, as well as a certificate in nonprofit management from Virginia Commonwealth University.

"I am thrilled to join the team at FCAN and work to meet the goals and objectives set forth in the strategic plan," Richardson said. "To date, FCAN has accomplished a lot under the amazing leadership of Laurie [Meggesin] and with the hard work of a mighty team. I look forward to the next stage of this organization and know that with the existing solid foundation, we will continue to do great things."

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Please join the FCAN team in welcoming Richardson to the Florida college access movement!

About Florida College Access Network

Florida College Access Network (FCAN) is Florida's first collaborative network committed to ensuring all Floridians have the opportunity to achieve an education beyond high school and prosper in Florida's dynamic economy. We envision a Florida working together where education is the pathway to economic mobility for all. For more information, visit floridacollegeaccess.org.

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