



## DR. JASON P. GUILBEAU

As a first-generation high school graduate from a working-class Louisiana family, Dr. Jason P. Guilbeau is not only committed to the transformational power of education, but is an example of it. Jason earned his doctorate in higher education with a focus on public policy from Florida State University, a continued path from his bachelor's degree in political science from the University of Louisiana and master's degree in student affairs administration from Texas A&M

University.

Jason's unique experiences across academic, student, and alumni affairs at the University of Louisiana, Texas A&M University, and the University of New Orleans as well as with leadership in non-profit management with the American Cancer Society have equipped him with a dynamic skill set. Through these roles, Jason has garnered philanthropic support of more than \$1 million, managed thousands of volunteers, and executed events ranging from five to 5,000 attendees. As a student at FSU, Jason served as co-editor of the book *The State Higher Education Executive Officer and the Public Good: Developing New Leadership for Improved Policy, Practice, and Research*.

In 2019, Jason was selected by the Association for the Study of Higher Education (ASHE) board of directors to lead the 46-year-old association as its executive director. Through his nearly three-year tenure in this role, Jason has focused on organizational justice as the core operational value. In 2019, Jason led the association's largest conference (in his first year in the role) and pivoted the 2020 conference to become the association's first virtual conference spread out over four months (as compared to a typical four days). In alignment with the association's first strategic plan developed in 2019, Jason—alongside many leadership volunteers—continues to enhance internal processes of the association which ultimately expand what we know about higher education.

In his endeavor to be a continual learner, Jason earned the designation of Certified Association Executive in 2020, an honor bestowed upon less than five percent of association leaders. Jason also maintains involvement in the higher education community by serving on the editorial board of the *Journal of Postsecondary Student Success* as well as the association management community as a member of the Small Staff Association Advisory Committee for ASAE: The Center for Association Leadership.