

Name: Shawndelea (Shawn) Hudson

Title/Position: Assistant Director of Financial Aid, LIFE Scholarship Coordinator

Employer: Piedmont Technical College

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Biographical Summary:

My name is Shawndelea Marie Hudson. I was born February 23, 1987 in Washington, D.C. and raised in Miami, Florida. Here is when I began my career in Higher Education. I completed my Bachelor of Business Administration at South University in 2015. In 2016 I relocated to Greenville South Carolina, settling into the position of Assistant Director of Financial Aid at Brown Mackie College. A year later I took my talents further south. I am currently the Assistant Director of Financial Aid and LIFE Scholarship Coordinator at Piedmont Technical College in Greenwood, South Carolina. I currently have 16 years of Higher Education experience with 15 of these being in Financial Aid. When I am not at work, I am taking advantage of my time off by traveling the world, spending time with friends and family, participating in extreme outdoor activities, (skydiving was the best thus far), or snuggling on my couch with snacks and a good movie. I have two dogs (my kids), Princess and Benji who keep me busy as well with walking trails at the park when it's not too hot out.

What gives you hope for advancements in Diversity, Equity, Justice, and/or Inclusion?

I believe that advancements in Diversity, Equity, Justice, and/or Inclusion are fueled by increasing awareness, legislative changes, educational efforts, media influence, generational shifts, and international collaboration. These factors provide hope for positive changes in society, even though challenges do persist. Over the years people have become more informed and engaged in discussions about these topics and my hope is that this continues to be the case as it provides progress in these areas.

What makes you smile?

Seeing the people around me happy makes me smile. Seeing high school graduates who have entered my office afraid walk across the stage at graduation with confidence, then visit my office afterwards to thank me for all my help makes me smile. Food make me smile. Knowing that I have a vacation coming up always makes me smile.

What is one personal goal you are comfortable sharing with us?

My personal goal is always to learn and grow. These are two things I am committed to doing. I refuse to be in the same space I was in the year before, or even the day before for that matter. I have worked in Higher Education for 15+ years and I absolutely love it. My plan is to learn as much as I can and always assist in making the process easier and better for not only the students but my leading/supporting staff in anyway that I can. Outside of work, the goal is always to LIVE MY BEST LIFE!