



## University View Academy Welcomes Dr. Michelle Clayton to Leadership Team under Superintendent Dr. Lonnie Luce

*Dr. Clayton will serve as Associate Superintendent of Innovation and Interim K-8 Principal*

University View Academy Superintendent Dr. Lonnie Luce announced the appointment of Dr. Michelle Clayton, former Deputy Superintendent of East Baton Rouge Parish School System, as the new Associate Superintendent of Innovation and Interim K-8 Principal for the state's top academic performing online K-12 Charter School.

Dr. Luce said Dr. Clayton is now part of his dream team of educators to lead University View Academy into being a K-14 charter school in which every student in every parish of the state has the opportunity to gain a quality public education from day one to graduation, and earn two years towards a college degree by graduation time if they so desire.

Recently, the school added Mandy LaCerte from Baton Rouge Community College as its Director of Early College and Workforce Development to manage the school's growing two-year associate's degree program, and announced Dr. Shana Corers as Interim High School Principal.

University View Academy starts the 2017-2018 school year as an independently managed statewide charter school. It previously operated as Louisiana Connections Academy.

"I am very excited about the opportunity to help students across the state and be part of the innovative delivery model at University View Academy," said Dr. Clayton. "The school has a tradition of academic achievement and I will continue to build on that strong foundation. Innovation resonated with who I am as an educator."

Dr. Clayton is a graduate of LSU, earned her Ph.D from Southern University, and in addition to being a teacher in Baton Rouge area schools, also served as Executive Director of Academics for the Zachary Community School District.

Superintendent Luce said she will direct implementation of the school's new curriculum as K-8 Principal and assist the Superintendent with comprehensive data analysis and planning so that the staff and students unite to achieve greater academic performance in all subjects.

For more information about University View Academy, visit the school's website at [UniversityView.Academy](http://UniversityView.Academy) or call (225) 421-2900.

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**ABOUT UNIVERSITY VIEW ACADEMY (formerly LOUISIANA CONNECTIONS ACADEMY)** University View Academy, formerly operating as Louisiana Connections Academy, is the state's leading provider of high-quality, free public online charter schooling for grades K through 12. University View allows students to learn and excel at their own pace, with individualized instruction by Louisiana certified teachers, while offering families the support and flexibility they seek to fit their lifestyles. Accountability for meeting high academic student performance is monitored by University View Academy's non-profit charter board, Wade Henderson, President. Address: Russell J. Henderson Building, 4664 Jamestown Avenue, Baton Rouge.