



Louisiana Special School District

Louisiana School for the Deaf

Executive Director Candidates *(listed alphabetically by last name)

Dr. Natalie Delgado

Dr. Natalie Delgado is a Deaf Latina trilingual educator fluent in ASL, English, and Spanish. Delgado has a bachelor's degree in psychology, master's degree in Deaf Studies and Deaf Education, and doctoral degree in Deaf Studies and Deaf Education. She is currently the statewide outreach director of Deaf education at the Louisiana School for the Deaf and has worked in Deaf education for thirteen years, with past roles including outreach coordinator, elementary and high school teacher, substitute teacher, early interventionist, and beyond. Within her department, she oversees an early intervention program that serves Deaf and hard-of-hearing children ages birth to 5 and their families, as well as consultations, training, and other supports for school-age Deaf and hard-of-hearing students and their school professionals. She also works closely with the Louisiana School for the Deaf staff, along with various statewide, regional, and national agencies and service providers to support the families and students served within her department. Delgado is a strong advocate for bilingual education and has published and presented numerous times regarding early intervention, literacy, serving Deaf and hard-of-hearing students of various linguistic, cultural, and academic backgrounds, socioemotional support for the classroom, and more.

Christopher Flint Fears

Christopher grew up in Ft. Smith, Arkansas and graduated from Arkansas School for the Deaf. He earned his bachelorette from Gallaudet University in Psychology and



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completed his master's degree in the field of Special Education: Deaf Education at the University of Arkansas at Little Rock.

Then he continued to complete his Educational Specialist degree in Education Administration and Supervision at the University of Arkansas at Little Rock.

When not at work, he loves to spend their time traveling, swimming, and spending time with family. Mr. Fears is an avid reader and enjoys learning about diverse cultures, photography and, naturally, Deaf culture.

He is committed to the idea of life-long learning, and believes that education is the key to success in life for both children and adults. He is dedicated to the education and encouragement of children and works with teachers and staff to promote a caring and fun, academic atmosphere in which the nutritional, emotional, and educational needs of young students are met.