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## **Bonita Dukes Begins New Role at Stetson University Facilities Management**

*New hire brings 20 years of experience, kid's nonprofit to area*

**DELAND, Florida**, May 16, 2019 – Stetson University selected [Bonita Dukes](#) as associate vice president of Facilities Management, stepping in for Al Allen who recently retired after nine years in the position.

Dukes brings with her 20 years of experience in management and coordination of architects, engineers and other consultants; oversight of design and construction processes; sales and marketing of developer-owned condominiums; site reviews for potential development; financial analysis; and building code and zoning review for state compliance. Most recently, she served Clark Atlanta University as associate vice president for Facilities Management, Planning and Auxiliary Operations. Dukes has a Bachelor of Architecture from Hampton University, is an associate member of the American Institute of Architects and is a LEED AP Building Design + Construction accredited professional.

“Bonita’s wealth of experience coupled with her background in architecture makes her an excellent choice for this position,” said Bob Huth, executive vice president and CFO. “We are excited to have her here at Stetson.”

At Clark Atlanta, under Dukes’ leadership and by virtue of sustainability initiatives, the facilities department realized more than \$700,000 in savings, and the university now is recognized nationally as a leader in sustainability among Historically Black Colleges.

Dukes will hit the ground running on campus roofing projects, the new fountain area near the Carlton Union Building, some assistance at Stetson University College of Law in Gulfport, getting the Sandra Stetson Aquatic Center fully operational and a new science building near the existing science space, Sage Hall.

Additionally, Dukes brings a nonprofit organization with her, KidBuilders Inc., which she established in 2008 to teach children about architecture and construction in an “effort to increase their respect and appreciation for the built environment within their communities.”

“KidBuilders was created to help kids understand the importance of civic responsibility and sustainability, and to improve leadership abilities, teambuilding and management skills through design projects,” she explained. Dukes hopes to continue that effort in DeLand.

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