Dr. Katina January – Vance is a native of Louisiana with over twenty years of experience as an educator with an extensive background serving the needs of cultural, racial, and socio – economic diverse populations with a focus in urban K – 16 academic settings. Throughout her professional career, Dr. January – Vance has established herself as a distinguished results driven educator serving in multiple roles as an administrator, teacher, director, program manager, university instructor, advocate, and consultant. Her love and passion for serving is most evident through her mentoring, coaching, and supporting interns and students.

In her current role, Dr. January – Vance fosters partnerships with schools/school districts, coordinates fieldwork, conducts interviews, and supervises interns during their clinical internships. She enhances her scholarly goals by speaking at national and global conferences, symposia, professional development workshops, retreats, or other events with multiple audiences including superintendents, principals, teachers, CEOs, and students on issues related to teacher education shortages, DEI, SEL, educational leadership and policy issues as well as culturally responsive teaching and pedagogy. She recently was a conference speaker for the Critical Questions in Education Symposium in Denver, CO. In addition, Dr. January - Vance has devoted time to her latest work interest in Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (DEI) where she served as a panelist with a standing room only audience at the Arizona State University – Global Silicon Valley Summit in San Diego, CA. Over the years, she’s had the honor to present as a delegate at the World Literacy Summit at Oxford University in Oxford, England as well as a presenter at the Globization and Leadership Conference in Auckland, New Zealand. Her goal is to leave a domestic and global footprint extending her work through partnerships and collaborations across the United States, Canada, China, and Africa.

Several highlights of her professional career include being honored and selected as an

Iberia Parish Teacher of the Year Honoree as well as being recognized during a special ceremony at her alma mater Dillard University in New Orleans, LA as a

“Teacher of the Year Alumni” awardee. Her love and passion for teacher education spans back to high school when she was chosen and selected by teachers and peers to represent her high school as Miss Future Teachers of America while serving as Vice President of the

Future Teachers of America organization. During her reign as Miss FTA, she shadowed exemplary educators, mentored and tutored students as well as gave speeches to aspiring educators through field experiences in local schools. She was so touched and influenced tremendously during those encounters. Ultimately, she decided to major in Upper and Lower Elementary Education at Dillard University.

Her areas of expertise include Teacher Education, Education Policy, Mentoring,

Women in Leadership, and Fostering Sustainable University – School/District Partnerships.