## Krystle R. Beauchamp

Krystle Beauchamp currently serves as the Communications Director and Parish Spokesperson for Caddo Parish, Louisiana, where she directs the dissemination of public information to the media and over 240,000 citizens, working to tell the story of all the wonderful things happening in Caddo Parish.

Krystle is a proud alumna of the University of New Orleans (UNO), where she earned her B.A. in Political Science in 2005. During her time on campus, she became very active in the Department of Political Science as a member of Pi Sigma Alpha: The National Political Science Honor Society and as a Junior Fellow of the Academy of Political and Social Sciences. She also received the University of New Orleans Excellence in National and State Politics Award.

Krystle earned her master's degree in Public Service Administration with a concentration in State/Local Government from the Bush School of Government and Public Service at Texas A&M University. During her graduate study, she co-published "Hurricane Katrina: An Evaluation of Federal Programs in Post- Katrina New Orleans" which was prepared for the United States Congressional Research Service.

Deeply rooted in the belief that public service is a noble calling, her career has been dedicated to this pursuit at the national, state and local levels. She served as the Deputy Director of Community Planning for the Louisiana Recovery Authority, the state agency created by Governor Kathleen Blanco to lead disaster recovery efforts after Hurricanes Katrina, Rita, Gustav. She also served as Legislative Affairs Officer for State Representative Roy Burrell and as Director of University and as Government Relations for Southern University at Shreveport.

Krystle is an active member in the Shreveport-Bossier community. She currently serves as the Vice-Chair of the Board of Directors of the Robinson Film Center, Vice Chair of the Sci-Port Discovery Center Board, and Vice-Chair of the Red River Public Radio Board of Advisors. She is a sustaining member of the Junior League of Shreveport Bossier and is a proud member of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority and Rotary International.

After contracting bacterial meningitis during her junior year at UNO, Krystle's experiences led her to advocacy, becoming a national spokesperson for the National Meningitis Association, advocating for immunizations and educating teens and parents on meningitis. A lover of all things space, she also proudly serves as the Ark-La-Tex's only NASA Solar System Ambassador, appointed as a community liaison by NASA to educate children and groups on the excitement of space exploration and advancements.

Krystle is a 2024 Virginia K. Shehee Most Influential Woman Honoree, the 2023 Distinguished Alumnus of the Year for the Bush School at Texas A&M University, a 2022 recipient of the LSU Ochsner "Women Who Tell Our Stories" Award, a 2021 ATHENA Leadership Award Recipient, and a recipient of the 2012 40 Under 40 Award.