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UNDERSECRETARY SHANDA JONES HONORED FOR SERVICE

BATON ROUGE, La.—Undersecretary of Management and Finance Shanda Jones was recognized Friday by the Louisiana Civil Service League with the 2018 Charles E. Dunbar Career Civil Service Award. The Dunbar Award is the highest honor classified state employees can receive for their service to the citizens of Louisiana.

Jones began her classified service as an accountant manager at the Department of State. She came to the agency with unclassified service from both the Louisiana Legislative Fiscal Office and Louisiana State University. During her tenure at the Department, she has served as the administrator of the Accounting Division and head of the Accounting and Purchasing divisions. Most recently, Jones returned to unclassified service as undersecretary of management and finance.

“I am so proud to see one of our employees honored with this prestigious award,” Secretary of State Kyle Ardoin said. “Shanda exemplifies a model civil servant and encourages those around her to strive for the same level of professionalism.”

Among her many accomplishments, Jones transformed the Accounting Division into a more strategic, analytical division by encouraging her staff at paraprofessional levels to complete college coursework to become eligible for professional level positions. Because her employees took the opportunity, all non-professional positions were eliminated leaving the agency with a full professional accounting staff.

Since the inception of the program more than 50 years ago, more than 800 classified public employees have been awarded the Dunbar Award. The Louisiana Civil Service League bestows the award on local, state and municipal civil service employees who distinguish themselves through unselfish service to the citizens of Louisiana.

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