## **Elizabeth Herrera -BIO**



As the Executive Director of Stephens College's Mission Promise Kept, Elizabeth Herrera stands out for her strong passion and dedication to women's empowerment, equity, and advancement. A self-motivated and deeply committed professional, Elizabeth merges sound business judgment and analytical skills with zest, passion, and vision, delivering a proven record of organizational success.

Having been in the field of women's advocacy for more than a decade, the desire to see the empowerment and actualization of others runs deep. Growing up in Puerto Rico, the daughter of Dominican immigrants, Elizabeth volunteered for the Air Force out of high school, working in the medical field. Although she spoke little English at the time and had almost no concept of life outside the island, she decided to serve and serve in such a way as to do the possible good. She has served in various capacities, both in the US and abroad.

Before joining Stephens College, Elizabeth was True North of Columbia's Executive Director. True North is a comprehensive domestic and sexual violence victim service program focused on prevention and intervention strategies for those abused by an intimate partner. Elizabeth also worked with at-risk adolescent girls at PACE Center for Girls Inc. at their Headquarters located in Jacksonville, FL, relocating to PACE Center for Girls Miami in 2013 to start up the Miami center, where she was instrumental in the strategic planning, compliance, and hiring of all staff while managing all aspects of business operations.

A firm believer in continuous learning, Elizabeth has a bachelor's degree in Anthropology focusing on Women and Gender from Auburn University in Alabama. She earned her master's degree in Nonprofit Management at Florida Atlantic University in Boca Raton, FL.

Outside of work, Elizabeth enjoys spending quality time with the loves of her life, her sons Julian and Adrian, and discovering the world through their eyes.