



Mr. Robert Carmouche
Director of Special Services

Mr. Robert Carmouche earned a B.S. Degree in Mathematics Education from Southern University in Baton Rouge in 1965, a Master's Degree with a major in Administration and Supervision and Certification in Guidance and Counseling from the University of Louisiana at Lafayette (formerly USL) in 1970, and he completed additional graduate work at UL Lafayette from 1970 to 1971.

Currently, he is the Director of Special Service—a position he has held since 1979. Over the course of a 45-year career with the University, he has held positions as Counselor in the Student Support Services Program (formerly Special Services) from 1970 to 1972 and Assistant Director of Student Support Services and Upward Bound from 1972 to 1979.

Mr. Carmouche shares an extensive list of community achievements. Among his achievements include: serving on numerous educational committees on the St. Landry Parish School Board; actively involved in the Sunset community; serving as guest speaker at numerous events in the surrounding communities and throughout the state; serving on numerous consulting committees to address the needs of low-income/first generation and disabled students; serving for 20 years as the first African American elected to hold public office in Sunset; and serving on the St. Charles Parish Church Council for several years. Mr. Carmouche has also received numerous honors given locally and on the national level, including: recipient of the Walter O. Mason Award given to a TRIO employee by the Council for Opportunity in Education, member of the Black History Hall of Fame for Outstanding and Distinguished Service rendered to the community by the National Association of University Women - St. Landry Parish Branch (2012), recipient of the Martin Luther King Jr. Award presented by the Office of Vicar for Black Catholics for Outstanding Service to the Church and Community of the Diocese of Lafayette, St. John Cathedral.

Mr. Carmouche's list of University achievements is just as impressive as his work in the community. He initiated the current funding of 11 TRIO programs and two additional programs for a total annual budget of more than 3.7 million dollars. He has received the Outstanding Administrative Award given by the Black Faculty and Staff Association at the University of Louisiana at Lafayette. He has been inducted into the Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi. And he has received the annual achievement award given by the Office of Research and Sponsored Programs.

Mr. Carmouche's hometown is Sunset, Louisiana, but he can be found on campus in DeClouet Hall, sharing his history and love for the students of the University of Louisiana at Lafayette.