



Professional Biography- Fatou Olshanski

Fatou Mbye Olshanski serves as the Director of Residential Life at California State University, Long Beach. With a career that has been driven to enhancing student experiences, she has been recognized for her mentorship and commitment to fostering an inclusive campus community.

As the current Director of Residential Life at CSULB, Fatou oversees the Housing and Residential Life department, directs the well-being of over 1,000 residents with a pivotal role in shaping the on-campus living environment. Her leadership ensures that residential programs are not only for pleasure, but for student engagement, inclusivity, and empathy, where students can thrive.

Fatou was honored with the Sandra Kuchler Excellence in Mentoring Award by the National Association of Student Personnel Administrators (NASPA) Region VI and the Chancellor's Creating Community Award, which recognized Fatou for her exceptional efforts in promoting equity, diversity, as well as inclusion. This award also acknowledged her for challenging leadership to broaden notions of inclusivity.

In addition to her primary role, Fatou actively participates in numerous campus initiatives for student well-being and success, including the Campus Assessment, Response, and Evaluation for Students (CARES) team.