

Santoro and Georgetti Educational Consultants

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The Executive team at Santoro and Georgetti Postsecondary Educational Consultants (“S&G”) is proud and excited to welcome our newest member to our organization.

Joining the Executive Team as the Chief Operations Officer will be Mr. Samuel L. Ferguson, the former Executive Director for the Commission for Independent Education (“CIE”) for the state of Florida. Mr. Ferguson’s long and storied career leading the CIE and its 1000+ institutions for nearly 40 years is well-documented and Sam needs no introduction as the key figure in the creation and phenomenal growth of the CIE that was experienced under his guidance and leadership since 1984 when he was appointed to the State Board of Vocational, Technical, Trade and Business Schools, the early predecessor to the current Commission for Independent Education (“CIE”).

Recognizing Mr. Ferguson’s desire to support our military, he put his academic career on hold and answered the call to serve his country in the United States Army. He was a member of the 7th Infantry Division in Korea in 1968 and the 4th Infantry Division in Vietnam in 1969. Mr. Ferguson is a distinguished military veteran having been awarded the Silver Star, the Bronze Star, two Purple Hearts, the Vietnam Cross for Gallantry and the Combat Infantry Badge with Commendations. Mr. Ferguson holds the rank of Colonel and is the Deputy MACOM Commander of the 32nd Anti-Aircraft Missile Defense Command for the Florida National Guard. The S&G Executive team proudly thanks Sam for his commitment to our country and the sacrifices he made in defending our freedom.

As a part of his role, Sam will work with Chris, Reham and the existing S&G staff on new and existing annual institutional applications, review components of each application to ensure that an institution would meet various state guidelines prior to any submission being made. Sam will travel with Chris on behalf of client institutions to meet with regulatory agencies around the country on an as-needed basis. In addition, Sam will contribute with the S&G team in providing monthly operational guidance support to existing client institutions that align with overall institutional success and be a liaison for client institutions during application and regulatory meetings.

The Executive and Leadership staff of S&G believes that with the addition of Sam, our organization has become the leading Educational Consulting agency not only in Florida but across the entire United States. To have the former leader of the CIE, S&G believes that this will be an amazing journey that promotes student learning and will provide institutional guidance at an entirely new level.

If your institution could benefit from S&G representation and having one of the most experienced leadership teams working with your staff, please email G@sandgconsult.com or call 407-257-8568 to discuss your endeavor and become one of the latest S&G clients who benefit from continual support in ways that no other agency can provide. We will be happy to discuss the opportunity and present our team and the advantages we will provide by being an S&G client institution.