

Biographical Description for The HistoryMakers® Video Oral History with La June Montgomery Tabron

PERSON

Tabron, La June Montgomery, 1962-

Alternative Names: La June Montgomery Tabron;

Life Dates: October 4, 1962-

Place of Birth: Detroit, Michigan, USA

Work: East Battle Creek, MI

Occupations: Foundation Chief Executive

Biographical Note

Foundation chief executive La June Montgomery Tabron was born in Detroit, Michigan. She was raised in a family of ten children and attended public schools in Detroit. Tabron graduated from Cass Technical High School and went on to receive her B.S. degree in business administration from the University of Michigan. She then received her M.B.A. degree from the Kellogg Graduate School of Management at Northwestern University and became a certified public accountant and management accountant.

Tabron first worked as an auditor for Plante & Moran PLLC in the mid-1980s. In 1987, she was hired as a financial controller for the W.K. Kellogg Foundation in Battle Creek, Michigan. Tabron was soon promoted to assistant vice president for finance and assistant treasurer of the Kellogg Foundation. She was then made vice president for finance and later appointed as executive vice president of operations and treasurer. She also became instrumental in developing the Kellogg Foundation's strategic focus on the educational achievements of young men of color through place-based work in New Orleans, Louisiana and the State of Mississippi. In October of 2013, Tabron was named president and chief executive officer of the W.K. Kellogg Foundation, becoming the first woman and African American to head the foundation.

In addition to her work at the Kellogg Foundation, Tabron serves as president of the board of the Western Michigan University Foundation. She is also a board member of the Bronson Healthcare Group, Southwest Michigan First, Battle Creek Community Health Partners, the Mississippi Center for Education Innovation, and the Kellogg Company. Tabron has served on the Kalamazoo Retirement Investment Committee, the Battle Creek Community Foundation Audit Committee, the Council on Foundations' Public Policy Committee, and the Independent Sector Board Development Committee.

She is a member of the Michigan Association of Certified Public Accountants, the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants, the Institute of Management Accountants, and the Foundation Financial Officers Group. In addition, she serves as a member of the Kalamazoo Chapter of the Links, Incorporated.

La June Montgomery Tabron was interviewed by The HistoryMakers on June 27, 2014.

Related Entries

Cass Technical High School [STUDENTOF]

[from ? to ?]

University of Michigan [STUDENTOF]

[from ? to ?]

B.S. Degree

Northwestern University, Kellogg School of Business [STUDENTOF]

[from ? to ?]

M.B.A. Degree

W.K. Kellogg Foundation [EMPLOYEEOF]

[from 1987 to 2013]

Financial; Assistant Vice President for Finance & Assistant Treasurer; Vice President for Finance; Executive Vice President of Operations & Treasurer

W.K. Kellogg Foundation [EMPLOYEEOF]

[from 2013 to ?]

President and CEO

Plante & Moran PLLC [EMPLOYEEOF]

[from 1985 to ?]

Auditor

Western Michigan University Foundation [MEMBEROF]

[from ? to ?]

President of the Board

Bronson Healthcare Group [MEMBEROF]

[from ? to ?]

Board Member

Southwest Michigan First [MEMBEROF]

[from ? to ?]

Board Member

Battle Creek Community Health Partners [MEMBEROF]

[from ? to ?]

Board Member

The Mississippi Center for Education Innovation [MEMBEROF]
[from ? to ?]

Board Member

The Kellogg Company [MEMBEROF]
[from ? to ?]

Board Member

The Kalamazoo Retirement Investment Committee [MEMBEROF]
[from ? to ?]

Member

The Battle Creek Community Foundation Audit Committee [MEMBEROF]
[from ? to ?]

Member

The Council on Foundations' Public Policy Committee [MEMBEROF]
[from ? to ?]

Member

Independent Sector Board Development Committee [MEMBEROF]
[from ? to ?]

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Michigan Association of Certified Public Accountants [MEMBEROF]
[from ? to ?]

Member

The American Institute of Certified Public Accountants [MEMBEROF]
[from ? to ?]

Member

The Institute of Management Accountants [MEMBEROF]
[from ? to ?]

Member

The Foundation Financial Officers Group [MEMBEROF]
[from ? to ?]

Member

The Links, Inc. - Kalamazoo Chapter [MEMBEROF]
[from ? to ?]

Member