



Verlyn Chesson Porte, Class of 1990, is a proud Fox, who remains thankful for her education and lifelong friendships created at the College of West Africa (CWA). As an advocate for education, Verlyn is Lead Counsel for the North Carolina Association of Educators (NCAE), where she serves as a manager and corporate counsel. In this role, Verlyn practices education, employment, labor, and non-profit law, and is required to train and advise board members. As a manager, she sits on the policy and strategic planning teams and oversees the Advocacy Center. Prior to joining NCAE, she served as the Division Attorney/ Enforcement Supervisor for the North Carolina Department of the Secretary of State, Charitable Solicitation and Licensing Division. In that role, she was responsible for enforcing North Carolina's Charitable Solicitation Act, ensuring non-profits/ fundraisers' compliance. As a person who enjoys serving others, Verlyn was an attorney for Legal Aid of North Carolina, where she provided legal services to low-income individuals. She served CWA Alumni Associations as First Vice President and a Transition Team member. Verlyn's Christian beliefs place service to humanity as a hallmark of a life well-lived. She is married to Wulwyn Q. Porte I, and they have two children.