

G.B. CAZES

G.B. Cazes is Vice President of the Cyber Innovation Center (CIC) and Director of the National Integrated Cyber Education Research Center (NICERC). The CIC is a 501c3 not-for-profit corporation whose mission is to promote research, education, and technological innovation while developing a sustainable knowledge-based workforce for the region and nation.

As Vice President of the CIC, Mr. Cazes has been instrumental in helping define and implement a vision of growth for the National Cyber Research Park. Through extensive partnerships with industry, academia, and government, the CIC has not only create a successful public-private partnership but also an economic development engine that is creating new jobs and serving as a catalyst for growth throughout the region. Over the past two years, the CIC has announced the attraction of over 1,100 new IT jobs to Research Park.

As Director of NICERC, Mr. Cazes has led the design, development, and implementation of a national academic outreach and workforce development program aimed at building a cyber workforce for the future. Mr. Cazes believes that teachers are the key to systemic and sustainable change and has secured over \$20 million in federal grants to support content and teacher professional development. In addition, Mr. Cazes serves on numerous national boards and supports various initiatives to advance cyber and computer science education more specifically. These efforts include the National Initiative for Cybersecurity Education (NICE) K-12 Working Group, the National K-12 Computer Science Framework Committee, the NICE 365 Industry Advisory Board, the Code.org Advocacy Coalition, the Computer Science Education Coalition, the Virginia Department of Education Cybersecurity Task Force, and the Arkansas Department of Education Computer Science Framework Committee.

Mr. Cazes also serves on numerous boards to advance economic and workforce development efforts across the region. These include the Ark-La-Tex Regional Air Service Alliance, Bossier Chamber of Commerce, Step Forward, Bossier Parish Community College–Cyber Information Technology Advisory Board, and UTeach at Louisiana Tech University Advisory Board.

Mr. Cazes was awarded the "Partners in Education Award" in 2010, the "AFCEA Exceptional Contribution to STEM Education Award" in 2012, and the "Southern Growth Innovator Award" in 2012 for workforce development in Louisiana.

Mr. Cazes has fourteen years of experience in the information management and information technology (IT) fields. His experience includes working in international, commercial, and government markets. Previous leadership duties include serving as Assistant Director of the

Information Technology Consulting Department and as Director of the Telecommunications Management Department for a Louisiana-based IT consulting and software development company.

Mr. Cazes has a Bachelor of Science in both Business Administration and Finance from Centenary College. He also earned a Master of Business Administration from Centenary College in May 2011.
