

Professional Biography

Dr. Russell A. Davis

Born in Wilmington, Delaware, and raised and educated in the New Castle County school system, Dr. Davis completed his Bachelor of Arts degree in English Education at Hampton University, Hampton, Virginia, in 1980. While teaching English in the public schools of Newport News and Virginia Beach, Virginia, he received his Master of Arts Degree in Counseling Psychology from Hampton University in 1982.

Shortly after receiving his Master of Arts degree, Dr. Davis began teaching in Washington, DC, at George Washington University and Howard University respectively. In 1992, Dr. Davis became Vice President of Student and Academic Services at Bowie State University in Bowie, Maryland. He also served on the faculty of several community colleges in Maryland, including the Prince George's Community College, Frederick Community College, the Community College of Baltimore County, and Cecil Community College. Administratively, Dr. Davis has served as Director of Counseling at Bowie State University, Director of Multicultural Affairs and Diversity at the Community College of Baltimore County, and Director of Advising at Cecil Community College.

In 2002, during a leave of absence from his professional post at Cecil Community College, Dr. Davis joined Morgan State University in Baltimore, Maryland, as a full research scholarship recipient and received the Doctor of Education Degree in Higher Education with a concentration in Community College Leadership in 2005. He also holds the Advanced Certificate in Educational Management from Harvard University in Cambridge, Massachusetts.

Currently, Dr. Davis is the President of Gloucester County College in Sewell, New Jersey. Prior to this appointment, he served as Interim President and as Vice President for Student Services.

The American Association of Community Colleges has named Dr. Davis a Commissioner on the Diversity, Inclusion and Equity Commission, and the New Jersey Council of County Colleges has named him Chair of the State-wide Academic Affairs committee. In addition to his many professional appointments, he sits on the Boards of several organizations including the New Jersey Council of County Colleges, the NJCCC Workforce and Economic Development Consortium, the Gloucester County Workforce Investment Board, the United Way of Gloucester County, Gloucester County Chamber of Commerce, and the Greater Woodbury Chamber of Commerce. He also sits on several national Boards, including the Burn Foundation of Pennsylvania, New Jersey and Delaware, and the Presidents' Roundtable of African-American CEO's. Additionally, he serves as Chair of the Resource Development Committee of the National Council on Black American Affairs, in affiliation with the American Association of Community Colleges.

The Gloucester County Chamber of Commerce recognized Dr. Davis as the "2009 Business Person of the Year" for his excellence in service, selflessness, ethics, innovation and communication to residents and businesses throughout Gloucester County. The American

Association of Community Colleges and the National Association of Student Affairs Administrators have honored Dr. Davis for his years of service as an administrator in higher education. He also holds distinctions as a lauded educator from the Office of the County Executive in Baltimore County, and the Office of the Governor of the State of Maryland, for Distinguished Service to the Students of the State of Maryland.

Dr. Davis has been featured as a major workshop facilitator and presenter in the areas of culture management, student success, and diversity at the National Conference of the American Association of Community Colleges in Long Beach, California; the University of Kentucky, Lexington; the Seattle Community College System, Seattle, Washington; the Community College of Baltimore County, Baltimore, Maryland; Hillsborough Community College, Ft. Lauderdale, Florida; and the Maricopa Community College System of Arizona . Additionally, he prepared and presented a faculty training module for the “Achieving the Dream” initiative as a Kellogg Fellow for the Cuyahoga Community College System in Cleveland, Ohio, and he has served as a panelist during the Lakin Institute for Mentored Leadership conference in Dallas, Texas.

Under the leadership of Dr. Davis, the Middle States Commission on Higher Education acted to reaffirm accreditation of Gloucester County College through 2018.