



President, Alfred A. Williams, IV

President Williams brings over 20 years of Higher Education experience to River Valley Community College. Throughout his career, Alfred has maintained focus on two things: graduating students and sending them back into the community after graduation with as little student loan debt as possible.

Prior to coming to River Valley Community College, Alfred worked for over a decade at Quinebaug Valley Community College (QVCC) in CT. There, he instituted a 'no loan' policy and used his financial aid expertise to ensure that students graduated with zero student loan debt. In addition, his concentration on student graduation led to a 70% increase in completion rates.

Alfred believes that community colleges are places where students from all walks of life and experiences can have a chance to create better opportunities for themselves. At QVCC, he applied for and was granted one of only 67 awards nation-wide for the Second Chance Pell program. This program allows students to take classes while incarcerated. Upon their release, they will have better economic opportunities and less chance of recidivism.

While living in Connecticut, Alfred supported his community by holding Financial Aid Nights to better inform students and parents about their options for college and financial aid. He also worked to address food insecurity issues on campus. In addition, Alfred is an avid supporter of youth sports and spent over 10 years coaching RI Amateur Hockey tournaments alongside his father.

Before finding his calling in Higher Education, Alfred worked as an Assistant State's Attorney in Bloomington, IL.

Alfred received a Bachelor of Arts in Government from Cornell University in Ithaca, NY and a Juris Doctorate, with honors, from the University of Illinois in Champaign, IL.

President Williams grew up in Johnston, Rhode Island and attended Johnston High School. In October, 2018, he was inducted into the Johnston High School Athletic Hall of Fame for ice hockey.