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## Leadership

### Vice President of Academic & Student Affairs - Alanka Brown



Alanka P. Brown is the Vice President of Academic and Student Affairs at Wilbur Wright College. She has worked in the field of higher education for over 13 years where she has served in both teaching and administrative positions. Dr. Brown has expertise in transformational leadership and the design and implementation of alternative student achievement systems. She also has a strong background in the facilitation of collective impact systems that establish and leverage collective work amongst the six key sectors of the community to further strengthen connections between colleges and communities.

Dr. Brown is a sought-after speaker on topics of college and career readiness, postsecondary attainment, workforce connections, and alternative pedagogical strategies. She has presented at numerous state, local, and national conferences and serves as an expert panelist on national foundation panels on topics that address higher education reform and student success; with emphasis on developmental education redesign and guided pathways.

Prior to joining Wilbur Wright College, Dr. Brown served as the Associate Vice President for Academic Affairs and Dean of Career Programs at Frederick Community College in Frederick, Maryland. In this role Dr. Brown was responsible for the college's terminal career and professional transfer programs. During her tenure, she assisted the institution in leading and enhancing the academic experience of the college's over 16,000 student population. She provided leadership and management in strategic planning, enrollment management, program and curriculum development, course scheduling, accreditation, academic support services, resource development, and the planning, development, and management of budgets for the college's over 70 career/professional degree and certificate programs within four academic disciplines/departments (i.e., Allied Health & Wellness, Computing & Business Technology, Nursing, and Public Safety). In addition, she oversaw the operation and management of the college's Office of Internship/Experiential Learning program, the Office of Prior Learning Assessment, and the college's instructional-based grants related to career and technical education (e.g., TAACCCT, America's Promise, Carl G. Perkins, and the National Science Foundation).



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Before joining Frederick Community College, Dr. Brown was the District Director of Academic Readiness at Miami Dade College in Miami, Florida. In this role she was responsible for leading the college in implementing large-scale innovative initiatives to improve student success and completion (e.g., college-wide developmental education redesign, the District Student Achievement Initiatives, and the Latino Student Success Effort). Dr. Brown's work was done in partnership with national educational foundations and nonprofit organizations such as the Gates Foundation, the Lumina Foundation, the Carnegie Foundation, Complete College America, Achieving the Dream, the Aspen Institute, and Jobs for the Future. Prior to becoming the District Director of Academic Readiness, Dr. Brown was the Assistant State-wide Project Director for the Florida GEAR-UP program with the Florida Department of Education and Tallahassee Community College (Tallahassee, FL). She also served as a Professor of History & Political Science at Tallahassee Community College (Tallahassee, FL), and an Associate Dean of Academic Affairs/Academic Outreach at Corning Community College (Corning, NY).

In helping to prepare the next group of higher education administrators, Dr. Brown also currently serves as an online adjunct instructor and course designer for Southern New Hampshire University's Higher Education Administration Master's degree program. As an advocate for educational success amongst low-income/at-risk students, Dr. Brown began her journey to improve student success serving as a high school English teacher in a rural, low-income school district. Dr. Brown has served in academic leadership roles at other institutions in Florida and New York.

Dr. Brown holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Political Science from Florida A&M University, a Master of Arts in International Affairs/International Political Economy from Florida State University, a Master of Public Administration degree from the Nova Southeastern University Huizenga College of Business, and a Doctor of Education degree in Higher Education Administration from the Nova Southeastern University Fischler School of Education. She also holds a graduate certificate in Education Law & Policy from the Nova Southeastern University Shepard Board Law Center, and a second graduate certificate in Project Leadership from Cornell University's College of Engineering.