

President Alfred Williams

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

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

President Williams 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 have better economic opportunities and less chance of recidivism.

While living in Connecticut, President Williams supported his community by holding Financial Aid Nights to better inform students and parents about their options for college financial aid. He also worked to address food insecurity issues on campus.

President Williams is an avid supporter of youth sports and spent over ten years coaching Rhode Island Amateur Hockey tournaments alongside his father. Before finding his calling in Higher Education, President Williams worked as an Assistant State's Attorney in Bloomington, Illinois.

President Williams received a Bachelor of Arts in Government from Cornell University in Ithaca, New York and a Juris Doctorate, with honors, from the University of Illinois in Champaign. 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.