



The unwavering commitment of Dr. Irvin Clark for higher education access and success for underrepresented and low-income students is rooted in his own experience as a first generation college attendee and graduate of two historically black colleges and universities. Because of his own pathway to higher education, he is a true example of the empowering impact that a higher education can have on the trajectory of one's life.

The professional experiences of Dr. Clark are extensive and have been uniquely centered on generating philanthropic and institutional capacity to support student retention and completion efforts. Dr. Clark currently serves as Vice President for Economic Development and Dean of the Newton Campus for Georgia Piedmont Technical College (GPTC), a public two-year community college located outside of Atlanta, Georgia. At GPTC, he is responsible for working with the business and industry community to ensure that their workforce needs are addressed through the various academic and non-credit programs offered at the college. Since his arrival at GPTC in 2017, Dr. Clark has secured more than \$150,000 in philanthropic gifts from the business and industry to support the advancement of the institution's academic programs in the areas of advanced manufacturing and STEM related programs.

A former Vice President and CEO at Harrisburg Area Community College (HACC), Harrisburg Campus, Dr. Clark was responsible for providing educational experiences to more than 8,000 students in the Harrisburg metropolitan area. His responsibilities included leading full-time and part-time faculty and staff while managing a \$37 million budget. During his time at HACC, Dr. Clark developed and established campus-planning strategies resulting in a master plan for building and maintenance; led the planning and building design to support the renovation of the Cooper Student Center; increased the campus scholarship campaign by leading an \$11 million campaign; facilitated the alumni relations strategic planning process to better serve alumni; and led efforts to increase enrollment and outreach with the neighboring counties.

Dr. Clark has been successful in writing, managing, and evaluating various state and local grant programs (Title III, Student Support Services, and Upward Bound). In addition, he coordinated efforts for grant programs to assist college and pre-college programs to strengthen outreach efforts to the local community. One such initiative resulted in the Frederick Community College being awarded a \$450,000 U.S. Department of Education College Access grant to support retention and completion efforts of first generation students.

Through the course of his career, he was an adjunct faculty member for Community College of Baltimore County and College of Southern Maryland. At Community College of Baltimore County, he taught grant writing and reading. At College of Southern Maryland, he taught college reading, college success and study skills and grant writing.

A proud graduate of Cheyney University of Pennsylvania in Cheyney, Pennsylvania and a member of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity Inc., Gamma Omega Chapter of Cheyney University, Spring 1996. Dr. Clark holds both a Master of Science Degree in Adult and Continuing Education (2001) and a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Social Relations (1998). He earned a Doctorate of Education in Higher Education Administration from Morgan State University (2005) in Baltimore, Maryland. He also successfully completed a research fellowship through the Morgan State University Morris Goldseeker Fellowship program.

His dissertation entitled "An Examination of Community College Trustees' Knowledge of and Commitment to the Learning College" was selected for the Outstanding Dissertation Research Award, by the Department of Higher Education faculty. Currently, he serves on national, state, regional, and civic boards. Some of those organizations include American Association of Community Colleges, Metro Regional Commission of Atlanta, College and Career Academy Board for Morgan County.

A native of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, Dr. Clark is married to Dr. Kudiratu Clark who is a proud HBCU graduate of Clark Atlanta University (Chemistry 2002) and practicing physician (anesthesiologist) for a private physician group in Atlanta. They have two beautiful children, Theodore and Madison.