

Introducing Dr. Darrell Cain

Biography

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Dr. Darrell L. Cain is an educator who utilizes education as an opportunity conduit for social change. He grew up in the city of Gary, IN, and is a first-generation college student. It was not until later in life that he fully realized his full potential and passion: to serve others and help others reach their full potential.

The awakening call to discover his full potential was realized as a student at Pasadena City College, where he first started his educational journey. He wondered if college was for him after failing his first college course. However, he quickly recognized that proper preparation, study skills, and effort were the key ingredients to becoming a successful college student.

A year later, he relocated back to the Midwest and enrolled at Indiana University, Bloomington, majoring in Sports Marketing and Management. It was not until he graduated with his Bachelor's degree from Indiana University that he recognized his passion for working in higher education. He desired to work in the same environment, which changed his life. As a result, he returned to college to earn a Master's degree from Ball State University in College Student Personnel Administration in Higher Education.

After graduating from Ball State University, he continued to work for several universities, including Youngstown State University and the University of Maryland, College Park. Knowing he had not reached his full academic potential, he thirsted for the highest degree in his field: a Ph.D. He attended Virginia Tech University and majored in Education Leadership and Policy Studies while minoring in Instructional Technology. One of the highlights of his graduate student experience was returning to his alma mater, Indiana University- Bloomington, to serve as a faculty fellow teaching in the Instructional System Technology Department.

While earning his doctorate at Virginia Tech, he reconnected with an old passion for Sports Marketing and Management. He started an online sports apparel business called Logo Sports to earn income as a graduate student. Dr. Cain later relocated to Atlanta, GA, and continued his company for three more years until his family expanded.

While in Atlanta, he worked for Noel-Levitz as a retention consultant strengthening retention plans for colleges and universities. He wanted a stable home and work base and found employment as Dean for Academic Affairs at Atlanta Technical College. Having served as a Dean, Dr. Cain transitioned to Vice President for Teaching and Learning at Eastfield College in Dallas, TX. He later returned to his home state to become the Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs at Ivy Tech Community College System in Indiana. Dr. Cain sought new professional challenges and opportunities and relocated to the Pacific Northwest, where he became the first African American President of Pierce College, Puyallup. Presently, he is serving as the Interim President of Everett Community College.

Dr. Cain also holds a firm conviction for teaching and learning and held several teaching positions and currently teaches in the graduate school at the University of Maryland Global College. He has over 15 years of teaching and research experience and has presented and authored numerous articles. His research interest centers on the Pedagogical Implications of Teaching and Learning with Technology, Student Retention and Success, and Learning Outcomes Assessment.