

July 28, 2022

Dear Central family,

I am very pleased to announce that Dr. Craig Wright has accepted our offer to become the Vice President for Equity & Inclusion. His first official day in the position will be Friday, August 26, though he will be on campus earlier in the month to attend a couple of key meetings.

His leadership in the Office of Equity and Inclusion and as a member of my Executive Committee will be critical as we push forward with our strategic goals and initiatives to increase access to higher education and foster an inclusive, safe campus for all.

Dr. Wright comes to us from Nassau Community College where he spent nearly 20 years—first as the Associate Vice President for Academic Student Services and then as the Chief Diversity Officer and Associate Vice President for Equity Inclusion & Affirmative Action.

He got his start in higher education administration at the New York Institute of Technology where he served as the Director of Student Development for eight years. He spent the next seven years at the State University of New York at Old Westbury where he was Dean of Students before being promoted to Vice President of Student Affairs.

Dr. Wright earned a B.A. in Political Science from Cheyney University of Pennsylvania, an M.S. in Labor and Industrial Relations from the New York Institute of Technology, and a Doctor of Ministry from New York Theological Seminary. He is currently pursuing an EdD in Higher Education at Alverno College.

Dr. Wright's passion for community service, along with his experience in student affairs, complement his deep commitment to establishing a diverse, inclusive, and nondiscriminatory environment in all facets of life.

My thanks to the search committee and its chair, Dan Moreland, director of Employee and Labor Relations, for conducting a successful, expeditious search.

Please join me in welcoming Vice President Wright to the Central family!

Sincerely,

Zulma R. Toro President