

## Albert Lewis, Jr., Ed.D. Biography



Dr. Albert Lewis, Jr., has dedicated his career to transforming lives through the power of education. As a first-generation college student whose father completed only the third grade, he intimately understands education's life-changing potential, a perspective that infuses his leadership philosophy of "**Students First.**"

With a doctorate in Education from Gwynedd Mercy University specializing in Teaching and Learning, an M.S. in Industrial/Organizational Psychology from Grand Canyon University, an M.Ed. in Education Administration from the University of Akron, and a B.A. in Speech Broadcasting from Marshall University, Dr. Lewis brings a unique blend of expertise to his work.

Currently serving as Chief of Staff/Executive Vice President at Northwest State Community College in Ohio, Dr. Lewis manages multimillion-dollar budgets and has overseen academic affairs, student affairs, workforce development, information technology, institutional research, marketing, and grants. His leadership has guided the college through significant transformations, including implementing a new strategic plan, reimagining the workforce division, infusing technology to facilitate the student journey, and establishing "Inclusive Brilliance: A Framework for Belonging," a comprehensive approach to creating an inclusive and welcoming environment for students, staff, faculty, and community.

Previously, as Vice President for Economic and Workforce Development at Bellevue College in Washington, Dr. Lewis expanded the institution's community impact through increased completions, innovative partnerships with industry leaders and culminating in Bellevue College winning Seattle Magazine's prestigious Job Creation and Workforce Development award. At Moraine Valley Community College in Illinois, where he served as Dean of Corporate, Community, & Continuing Education, he secured substantial funding, expanded customized training programs, and developed innovative career pathways.

Throughout his career spanning urban, suburban, and rural communities, Dr. Lewis has demonstrated that transformation occurs "at the intersection of workforce development and academic education." Operating with a "**Can Do Spirit**," his philosophy that "**Learning is Learning**" underpins his holistic approach to education—one that prioritizes student success, creates inclusive environments, and builds communities where everyone can thrive.