

## College Spark Washington Announces New Executive Director



SEATTLE – Following an extensive and thorough search, we are thrilled to announce that Dr. Warren Brown will be the next Executive Director of College Spark Washington, beginning March 23.

“Dr. Brown’s profound leadership expertise in higher education and success working with community partners led, in part, to his selection,” said Trevor Greene, College Spark Board Chair and Superintendent of Yakima Public Schools. “The Board of Trustees is excited about his ability to expand the Foundation’s reach and is inspired by his laser-like focus on and commitment to achieving equitable outcomes for all students, especially those affected by poverty. Dr. Brown’s leadership will continue to build upon the great work that Christine McCabe helped establish in her 20 years leading College Spark.”

Upon accepting the position, Dr. Brown noted, “Leading College Spark is a great honor and the amalgamation of all my professional experiences, my academic background, and personal passion for equity minded educational practices. I look forward to working collaboratively with the Trustees, staff, K-12 systems, parents, students, stakeholders, and higher education institutions as we continue to establish and seek additional measures to increase student success in Washington state.”

Dr. Brown has more than 20 years of experience in the community college system throughout Western Washington. He currently serves in a dual role as President of North Seattle College and Vice Chancellor for Educational Partnerships with the Seattle Colleges District. Over the last two decades, he has developed critical partnerships with Seattle Public Schools, public and private universities, education-focused organizations, and other community colleges. His doctorate and practice focus on improving higher education curriculum and instruction, with a focus on multicultural curriculum development.

He previously served as Executive Vice President for Instruction and Student Services at Seattle Central College where he facilitated instructional planning that led to the development of new applied baccalaureate degrees in allied health and nursing and a new associate degree in allied health. Additionally, he served as an adjunct faculty member for the University of Washington and Seattle University’s doctoral program in educational leadership.

Dr. Brown has held various teaching and administrative roles including educational assessment experiences as a trained accreditation evaluator and working for the University of Washington’s

Office of Educational Assessment. He also has served on various nonprofit and community boards, including the YMCA, Boys and Girls Club, and Woodland Park Zoo. He has also been awarded as Fulbright Awardee and recipient of the Portland State University President's Diversity Award.

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College Spark Washington funds programs across Washington state that help low-income students become college-ready and earn their degrees. Grantees include community-based organizations, K-12 schools and districts, community and technical colleges, four-year colleges and universities, educational nonprofits, and public agencies. Since 2005, College Spark has awarded more than \$70 million to college readiness and degree completion programs throughout the state.