

President Porter-Brannon

Dr. Towuanna Porter Brannon was selected as the ninth president for Virginia Peninsula Community College on January 1, 2021. Dr. Brannon's higher education tenure includes over 25-years in leadership, change management, organizational development, policy design, fundraising, instruction, and the provision of direct support to students at a diverse array of public and private Colleges and Universities.

During her tenure as president, she led the college's enrollment, rebranding, marketing, communication, and process improvement efforts. Under her leadership, the college experienced its first enrollment increase in over ten years with significant gains among dual enrolled high school students and those seeking short-term high-demand workforce credentials. Through powerful partnerships with local government and business stakeholders, the college has amassed several million dollars to support the expansion of skilled-trades training centers in both the western and southeast ends of the Virginia Peninsula. These partnerships have also led to the launch of another Career Works center, a Center for Excellence in Early Childhood Education, and the implementation of a student-centered admission and onboarding model. Dr. Brannon expanded student Athletics programs, launched the college's minority male success initiative, and she has also partnered with secondary education leaders and regional business industries to ensure that the colleges' curriculum and course offerings align with current and future regional workforce needs.



Prior to her selection as President, Dr. Brannon served as the Vice President for Student Services at Mitchell Community College in North Carolina. At Mitchell, she coordinated long-range and strategic planning for academic advising, accessibility services, campus life, financial aid, minority male success initiatives, recruitment and enrollment, support services, and veteran's affairs. Her tenure led to increases in both completion rates and new student enrollment and retention; creation of a needs-based scholarship, responding to student financial emergencies; a food pantry, and workforce development program that connected high school graduates to careers in advanced manufacturing.

Dr. Brannon, a native of Brooklyn, New York. She earned her doctorate degree in Executive Leadership, Administration and Policy from Fordham University, a master's degree in Education and a bachelor's degree in Human Services from St. John's University.