



Dr. Raphael A. Turner Biography

Raphael A. Turner, Ph.D. is a passionate and strong advocate for students and has more than 15 years of progressively responsible higher education experience within Student Affairs which includes university and multi-campus community college settings. He has had the opportunity to serve in the following community colleges: The Dallas County Community College District (North Lake College), The Tarrant County College District (South Campus), The Lone Star College System (Tomball College), Texarkana College and Tidewater Community College (Portsmouth Campus) as well as the University of Texas at Arlington and Texas A&M University-Commerce.

Dr. Turner has served as a Resident Assistant, Assistant Hall Director, Hall Director, Night Administrator, Advisor, Counselor, Advisor TRIO Student Support Services, Interim Director of TRIO Student Support Services, Coordinator of the Welcome Center, Assistant Dean of Enrollment Services, Dean of Enrollment Management, Dean of Students and Students Life and Dean of Student Services. Dr. Turner has also served as an adjunct faculty member teaching a number of Student Success courses as well as graduate courses in educational leadership.

He has had the opportunity and responsibility for providing leadership and of coordinating efforts of the following areas of Student Affairs: Assessment and Testing Center, Athletics, Admissions, Advising, Career Services, Commencement/Graduation, Counseling, Financial Aid, First Year Success, International Students, Orientation, Recruitment and Outreach, Student Activities, Residence Life, Welcome Center, College-Wide Open House, Transcripts and Records, TRIO Programs (Student Support Services and Educational Talent Search), Student Conduct Officer, Title IX Investigator, Department of Public Safety and a Fitness and Wellness Center.

Dr. Turner has also served on a number of institutional committees, as a co-chair for the Achieving the Dream Student Success Committee and as a member of the Core and Data Teams. Additionally, he served on the Faculty Credentialing Committee of the SACSOC Accreditation Committee and as the Chair of the Publication of Policies and Student Complaints Committees. He has also been active in the community by serving on a number of community boards and committees.

Dr. Turner has presented at numerous conferences on leadership as well as published an article titled "Cultivating a Culture for Student Success, Becoming an Academic Farmer." He received a Bachelor of Science Degree in Psychology from The University of Louisiana at Monroe in Monroe, LA., completed a Master's of Science Degree in Higher Education from Texas A&M University-Commerce in Commerce, TX, and a Ph.D. in Educational Administration with an emphasis in Community College Leadership from The University of Texas at Austin.