



Dr. Wendy M. Wilson

Dr. Wendy M. Wilson is a transformational leader with a 23-year proven reputation for advancing organizational operations and profiles throughout post-secondary education and corporate systems. Currently, she serves as Albany State University's Vice President of University Relations and Chief of Staff. Wilson leads strategic management processes and interacts with members at all levels of the internal and external university community. This macro level of engagement has proven successful in defining, advancing and assessing the work of the university enterprise in support of effective institutional alignment and synergy.

Wilson was asked to serve as interim Vice President for Student Affairs, Fall of 2019. For over eleven months she led the division and collaboratively transitioned the entire student engagement portfolio to a virtual structure in response to the Covid-19 pandemic, ensuring the safety for over 6,000 students, faculty and staff. Recognized as a leading diversity and inclusion expert within the public and private sector, Wilson was selected to develop and implement the inaugural Centers for Diversity, Inclusion and Social Equity at Albany State University. Regarding the current public unrest and call for social equity in 2020, the Centers' mission is to provide students a learning community to promote cultural pluralism and develop acumens that create and support social justice.

In 2016, Wilson served as one of the lead planners and organizers of the consolidation of Albany State University and Darton State College. Impressed by her demonstrated range and expertise throughout, executive leadership invited her to serve as the Executive Director of Albany State University, Cordele Campus. There she strategically engaged area K-12 educational and health care systems, instituted on-campus dual enrollment, and Healthcare to RN Bridge program respectively. As a result, recruitment and retention increased at the satellite campus by 60% overall.

Wilson's civic and community engagement is equally distinctive. She is noted in the southwest Georgia region as the host of *Realizing Potential*, a decade's long television show highlighting the accomplishments of regional and national thought leaders and influencers. Wilson expanded the region's platform to feature notable conversations with UNICEF Ambassador and film star Danny Glover, actor and author, Jasmine Guy and New York Times bestselling author, Ibram X. Kendi. Also recognized as an accomplished author, Wilson recently added to her publication portfolio, the acclaimed *Still too few Brewers, Burns and Hobsons in the Higher Education Space- Thriving as a Woman in Leadership in the Higher Education*.

Wendy Wilson is a native of Detroit, Michigan. She holds a Doctorate (Ed.D.) in Curriculum Leadership from Columbus State University, a Master of Science in Human Resource Management from Central Michigan University and a Bachelor of Science in Organizational Management from Bluefield College.