



ELFRED ANTHONY PINKARD ED.D.

Dr. Alfred Anthony Pinkard is the 22nd President of Wilberforce University in Wilberforce, Ohio.

President Pinkard has served in significant leadership positions including Provost, Executive Vice President, and Chief Planning Officer at several colleges and universities. Under his leadership, kindness, excellence, and innovation have been the guiding principles to the transformation of Wilberforce University as a high performing, student-centered and operationally efficient institution. This institutional transformation has involved reimagining the academic enterprise and student engagement experience for Wilberforce University students.

Dr. Pinkard's work and that of his leadership team has resulted in Wilberforce recently being removed from probation by its accrediting body, HLC, and significant financial support from Penn National Gaming, Dominion Energy, JP Morgan Chase, CompTech, VistaCorp and national attention from the BeyGood and Kanye West Foundations.

Wilberforce University was one of the first institution to relieve student debt and the announcement by Dr. Pinkard resulted in national and international focus on Wilberforce, the nation's first, private, historically black university(HBCU. That decision and subsequent announcement served as a model for other colleges and universities who similarly responded to their student debt.

Dr. Pinkard received his Doctor of Education degree and a Certificate in Human Development from Harvard University, Master of Education from Howard University, and a Bachelor of Arts degree from Morehouse College.

Dr. Pinkard serves on the Board of Directors of the Council of Independent Colleges (CIC). In addition to his work in the academy, Dr. Pinkard serves on the leadership team at the Higher Education Leadership Foundation (H.E.L.F.) and his writings on popular culture, HBCUs and the African American experience can be found at www.anoldschoolperspective.com

Dr. Pinkard is a member of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. and is a native of Miami, Florida.