

Andrew W. Bowne, Ed.D.

Biography



Dr. Andy Bowne has served for more than twenty years in senior leadership positions at Grand Rapids Community College (Michigan), Ivy Tech Community College (Indiana), and Johnson County Community College (Kansas). At Johnson County Community College, he served as President & CEO leading the college to a sharpened focus on student success, serving employers and the community, and growing enrollment. At Ivy Tech, he started as a regional chancellor, and was promoted to guide the leadership teams of the 18 campuses as Senior Vice President and Chief Operating Officer. At Grand Rapids Community College, Dr. Bowne led two distinctively different teams. He first led non-credit training, moving this work from being a financial challenge to a position of instructional and operational excellence. He was then asked to lead the fundraising efforts, where they raised over \$30 million in private support and another \$30 million in regional, state, and federal grant funding over a seven-year period.

Dr. Bowne has over 12 years of adjunct faculty teaching experience at the undergraduate and graduate levels. He currently serves on the Ferris State University Advisory Board for the Doctorate in Community College Leadership program where he mentors students, serves on dissertation committees, and has taught classes. He is an active community member and volunteer, serving on various boards, committees, and (his personal favorite) coaching Special Olympics athletes.

His career included training and organization development work in manufacturing and non-profit organizations. While serving communities in economic development roles, he blended his love of developing people with the desire to see the region prosper. Dr. Bowne began his career as a resident director at Calvin College (Michigan). He has always loved interacting with students, whether attending their performances and athletic events, sharing a meal together, or engaging in student clubs, organizations, and leadership development programs.

Dr. Andy Bowne earned his Doctor of Education degree from Western Michigan University, where he also earned his master's and bachelor's degrees. He completed the Aspen Institute's Rising Presidents Fellowship for Community College Excellence in 2018 and the Aspen Institute's New Presidents Fellowship in 2023.