

Ricardo A. Brown, Ph.D.

Dr. Ricardo A. Brown, a veteran higher education administrator, is Dean of the College of Public Service at Jackson State University (JSU). Dean Brown received a bachelor's degree in Biology from Oakwood University in Huntsville, Ala., and later earned a Ph.D. in Physiology and Biophysics from Howard University in Washington, D.C. He completed postdoctoral training at the University of Cincinnati School of Medicine and at the National Institute on Aging. Dr. Brown began his academic career as an Assistant Professor of Physiology at Wayne State University School of Medicine in Detroit, Michigan where he became a tenured Associate Professor. Dr. Brown subsequently transitioned to academic and research administration, holding positions such as Professor and Chairman of Biology at Morgan State University, Health Scientist Administrator at the National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism, Associate Vice President for Research and Sponsored Programs for Howard University, and Assistant Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs with the University System of Maryland.

He has researched and published extensively on the cardiovascular effects of alcohol consumption and is recognized for medical education training; directing training programs designed to increase participation of underrepresented minority students in STEM programs, biomedical sciences and medicine; and serving university administrative and national committees. At Jackson State, Dr. Brown is credited with increasing enrollment and graduate rates, overseeing successful reaffirmation of academic programs, creating innovative learning environments, increasing student access through online and hybrid course offerings, promoting community college partnerships and study abroad programs, and initiating a campus recycling program. He also led JSU's efforts to establish a School of Public Health, the first in the State of Mississippi and between HBCU's that have public health programs. Dr. Brown has a longstanding record of community service, most recently serving on the Board of Directors for the United Medical Center and the corporate board of So That Others Might Eat (SOME) in Washington, DC. He is a founding board member of DC Innovates, a non-profit institution providing diverse DC-based technology-driven businesses with an ecosystem of financial, technical, and administrative resources to spur innovation. Dr. Brown is married to Dr. Kelly Colden, a Medical Officer with the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) and has three children, Leah Brown a DC-base attorney and Juan and Natalia Barrera.