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Dr. Richardson has been an educator for 23 years, serving in Higher Education and P-12 Education. In Higher Education, he has worked at several universities, serving in key Senior Student Affairs leadership roles, including Associate Vice President for Student Affairs and Dean of Students. In P-12 Education, he has been an assistant principal, teacher, and basketball coach. He has also worked in education policy as a program officer at the U.S. Department of Education, in Washington, DC. He was responsible for managing and monitoring several grants for P-12 students across the nation. During this time, he also provided policy interpretation for state education agencies, particularly when the No Child Left Behind Act was reauthorized as the Every Student Succeeds Act under President Barack Obama's administration.



Prior to attending college, Dr. Richardson served on active duty in the U.S. Navy for five years, aboard USS Gunston Hall LSD-44, with its home port in Norfolk, Virginia. His ship was deployed in the first battle group, to the Gulf War for Operation Desert Shield and Operation Desert Storm. Some of his awards include the Navy Achievement Medal, and Sailor of the Quarter and Petty Officer of the Quarter honors. He is also a Disabled American Veteran (DAV), due to an injury while deployed in Operation Desert Storm.

Dr. Richardson holds a PhD in Leadership Studies with a focus in Higher Education Leadership from N.C. A&T State University, a masters degree in English Education from Notre Dame of Maryland University, and a bachelors degree in English from Shaw University. He enjoys spending time with family and friends in his free time, while also finding the time to read, research, and write for scholarly publications.