



### **Dr. Mordecai Ian Brownlee Bio**

Dr. Mordecai Ian Brownlee became the sixth president of the Community College of Aurora (Colorado) on August 2, 2021. With campuses in Aurora and Denver, CCA is a Minority Serving Institution (MSI) and Hispanic-Serving institution (HSI) providing instruction to over 10,000 students throughout its 350-square mile service area.

Prior to his presidential appointment, President Brownlee served as the vice president for student success at St. Philip's College, the only college in the nation federally designated as both a historically Black college (HBCU) and a Hispanic-serving institution (HSI), located in San Antonio, Texas. During his tenure as vice president, Dr. Brownlee led St. Philip's to record enrollment of over 13,500 students and the college's four largest degree and certificate awarding classes in its 123-year history.

One of the youngest presidents in the country at 37 years old, Dr. Brownlee continues his work as a higher education columnist for EdSurge and a writer for several other publications. In 2020, Dr. Brownlee was featured by EdTech Magazine as one of the 30 most interesting voices in higher education who are shaping the conversation around IT and EdTech. In 2022, Mordecai was featured by Diverse Issues in Higher Education Magazine as a "New School" leader representing the next generation of college presidents.

Dr. Brownlee's service on community, state, and national boards impacts the future of higher education through the establishment of best practices and the promotion of progressive legislation. His goals are to empower diverse student populations and aid in the elimination of poverty through the generational impact of higher education.

Dr. Brownlee is honored to serve as the Chair of the National Association of Student Personnel Administrators (NASPA) Community College Institute; Co-Founder of the Rising Leaders Institute for the American Association of Blacks in Higher Education (AABHE); Executive Council Member for WICHE Cooperative for Educational Technologies (WCET); Trust Member of Jobs For The Future, Inc. (JFF); Member of the Presidents' Round Table; Board Member for the Aurora Chamber of Commerce, Executive Member of the Aurora Economic Development Council; and Board Member of the Arapahoe/Douglas Workforce Development Council. He is also a proud member of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. and the Rotary Club of Aurora, Colorado.

Dr. Mordecai Ian Brownlee currently resides in Aurora, Colorado with his wife of 15 years, Daphne, their son, Mordecai Jr., and their daughter, Lauren Machele.