



Bishane Whitmore, Ph.D.

PRESIDENT

Dr. Bishane Whitmore is a mission-driven executive leader committed to advancing student success, workforce development, and community prosperity through inclusive leadership and disciplined strategy. A senior United States Air Force officer and scholar-practitioner, he brings more than two and a half decades of experience leading complex military organizations whose missions parallel public higher education: talent development, fiscal stewardship, governance, innovation, and civic partnership.

He began his military career in 2001, when he enlisted as a Medical Laboratory Technician and rose to Deputy Commander of the 319th Reconnaissance Wing at Grand Forks Air Force Base, North Dakota. There, he helped lead 2,200 Airmen across multiple operational units, oversaw a \$70 million annual budget and \$3.8 billion in infrastructure, and invigorated over \$198 million in local economic impact.

In this capacity, he integrated strategy, personnel policy, infrastructure planning, and public accountability. He has chaired senior governance boards responsible for budget prioritization, workforce development, morale and welfare funding, and institutional policy alignment. He has also partnered with local government entities and universities to advance STEM-focused educational collaborations and cooperative research agreements.

Dr. Whitmore understands firsthand the transformative power of the community college system, as his three associate degrees opened the door to further education. His academic credentials also include a Bachelor of Arts, four master's degrees, and a Doctor of Philosophy. His distinctions include being designated as an Art of War Scholar by the Army's Command and General Staff College, being named a Distinguished Graduate at four different military schools, selection as a Ten Outstanding Young Americans Award winner, and receiving the Distinguished Flying Cross for saving coalition lives during combat operations.

