



## *Dr. Artie Travis*

Dr. Artie L. Travis is currently the Vice President for Student Affairs at Frostburg State University in Frostburg, Maryland having assumed that role in January 2020. He currently supervises the following departments at Frostburg State University: Career Services, Brady Health Center, Counseling Center, Residential Life and Housing, New Student Orientation, Leadership Programs, Student Conduct, the Lane Student Union, Student Activities, Substance Abuse Programs, Civic Engagement, the Center for Diversity, Equity and Inclusion, Veterans Services, Cultural Events Programs and Greek Life.

Prior to his arrival at Frostburg State University, Dr. Travis served in Senior Leadership positions at a number of other schools, to include serving as Vice President for Student Affairs at Bowie State University for 13 years, Vice Chancellor of Student

Affairs at Elizabeth City State University in North Carolina, Vice President and Dean of Students at Oglethorpe University in Atlanta, Executive Director of Student Activities and the UConn Student Union at the University of Connecticut in Storrs, CT., and as Director of Student Activities and Minority Student Affairs at Furman University in South Carolina. Other leadership roles included serving as Assistant Director for Student Involvement at the University of Maryland College Park, and Director of the African American Cultural Center at both UCONN and at Western Illinois University.

Dr. Travis also served as an Adjunct Instructor on a number of the campuses that he served.

- Black Politics in the African American Studies Department at WIU
- Leadership Studies in Recreation, Parks, and Tourism Department at WIU
- Freshman Year Experience at UMD and Bowie State University

Dr. Travis received his B.A. in Political Science and M.A. in Public Administration from Western Illinois University and his Doctorate of Education from the University of South Carolina. His dissertation topic was "Leadership Styles of Senior Student Affairs Officers: A comparison by Race and Gender". Dr. Travis also completed one year of Law School at Drake University in Iowa. Prior to starting college and his career serving students, Dr. Travis (Specialist 4th Class) served on active duty for two years (1974 - 1976) in the United States Army as the Communications NCOIC and Air Traffic Advisor at the Heliport in Nelligan, Germany, attached to the 421st Medical Evacuation Ambulance Company.

Dr. Travis was happily married to Ms. Francine Bruce Travis for 32 years before her passing in 2018 (Mrs. Travis was also a Higher Education Administrator serving as Dean of Students at Agnes Scott College, Assistant Dean at Trinity College in DC and at UConn and was a

long-term substitute in Prince Georges County Schools for 9 years as a survivor). Dr. Travis has three daughters, two granddaughters and one grandson. He loves to spend time with his family, plays golf, likes to volunteer, and enjoys his work with young people. He enjoys the outdoors, was an Eagle Scout growing up, ran track and football in high school, played college football, and boxed while in the military. Dr. Travis has been an advocate for high quality student services and leadership development in higher education and making connections with students since he started working in student affairs.