

Dr. Danita M. Brown Young



Dr. Danita M. Brown Young is currently the Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. Before moving to Champaign, she served as Vice Provost for Student Affairs and Dean of Students at the University of Minnesota, Twin Cities. Prior to that position, she worked in student affairs at Purdue University, including serving as the youngest and first African American (and first African American woman) Dean of Students at Purdue. Dr. Young holds a B.A. in sociology from Kent State University, an M.A. in community counseling from Loyola University Chicago, and earned her Ph.D. in higher education

administration from Ohio University. Dr. Brown Young is a member of the Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., The Links, Inc., serves on the Big Brothers Big Sisters of Central Illinois board, is a Girl Scout Troop Leader, served as the Regional Director for NASPA IV-East from 2019-2021, and was awarded the NASPA Pillar of the Profession award in 2021. Dr. Brown Young currently serves as the NASPA Board Chair-Elect and will become the NASPA Board Chair in March 2022.

With over 20 years of experience in student affairs in higher education, Dr. Brown Young is an accomplished ambassador for students, and understands the critical role student affairs must play in successfully meeting the land-grant promises of educational access and opportunity to help create a more socially just society.

Dr. Brown Young is married to John Allen Young II and has a daughter named Sarah and a dog named Star.

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