Khala Granville Williamson

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Strategic, collaborative and adaptable is how Khala Granville Williamson describes herself. An accomplished collegiate enrollment manager and DEI practitioner, she has received regional and national recognition for her contributions to admissions counseling and higher education equity. Currently, she serves as the director of high school programs for the CollegeBound Foundation in Baltimore, MD. Her team of 18 college advisors help students with their college and financial aid applications, plan college campus visits, and host annual college fairs and tours to help students explore their postsecondary options.

Prior to CollegeBound, she served as the director of undergraduate admission and recruitment for Morgan State University. Williamson is noted as the first Black dean of admissions for the College of Charleston. She also led the diversity recruitment and outreach strategies at Indiana University Bloomington as their senior associate director of admissions. Her responsibilities included leading efforts to increase and enhance the recruitment of underrepresented populations at IU, for which she was highly successful. Additionally, she spearheaded the award-winning diversity recruitment strategic plan on behalf of the office of enrollment management and office of admissions.

Williamson has extensive experience in community relations through her experiences as the executive director for the Brightwood Community Center in Indianapolis and as the Youth Achievers coordinator at the YMCA of Greater Indianapolis. She holds a Master of Divinity (M.Div) from Christian Theological Seminary and a Bachelor of Science (B.S) in Communication from the University of Louisville.

She has worked in youth development and education for over 20 years. Khala is regularly asked to speak and present at conferences and has been featured on CNN, the podcast The Anchor Exchange, and in publications including the Guardian, the Washington Post, Diverse: Issues in Higher Ed, College of Charleston Magazine, and NACAC The Journal of College Admission.

In her spare time, Khala enjoys spending time with her wife Alanna, their daughter Audrey, and dogs Sophia and Blu.