Dr. Willie L. Todd, Jr. is the 9th President of Denmark Technical College, an HBCU in Denmark, South Carolina. He brings more than 28 years of progressive experience in higher education at six distinct higher education institutions.

Under Dr. Todd’s transformation leadership, Denmark Tech witnessed an institutional re-engineering, which is unparalleled in its 76-year history. He has shepherded more than $32 million in external funding to the institution. He cultivated more than 24 partnerships and collaborations with Fortune 500 companies, regional organizations, six school districts, and other higher education institutions to strengthen Demark Tech’s infrastructure.

Equally impressive, in the past four years under Dr. Todd’s leadership, Denmark Technical College became the fastest-growing public college in the South Carolina Technical College System, where he was recognized earlier this year as the 2022-2023 President/CEO of the year by the South Carolina Association of Technical College Commissioners.

In addition, Denmark Tech has witnessed a 48% increase in enrollment over the last 3 years; The Denmark Technical College student profile has grown stronger-representing twelve (12) states and 2 countries. Additionally, as part of the institution's strategic plan that he spearheaded, the College embarked on an ambitious goal of expanding its academic and technical offerings. As a result, six new programs have been offered with three additional programs starting this fall. In addition, the College added new programs to meet the demands of industry and reinvigorated current programs to meet national industry standards.

As a result of Dr. Todd’s leadership in transforming the curricular and co-curricular enterprises at Denmark Tech, retention rates increased by 25% and placement rates increased by 17.5%. The College also saw the creation of its first Honors College, Living and Learning Communities, and the awarding of merit-based scholarships. For the massive institutional transformation and reengineering, Denmark Tech has been featured in national and regional publications including *Diverse Issues in Higher Education*, YouScience, and the PBS-syndicated show – *Dennis Quaid’s View Point*. Dr. Todd and his team have presented at several national conferences on student success and student identity formation.

Prior to his appointment as President of Denmark Tech, he served as the Vice President for Academic Affairs and Student Services at Denmark Technical College. Prior to that appointment, he was the Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs at Wiley College. Dr. Todd was Vice Provost for Academic Affairs (I) and Associate Vice Provost for Academic Student Engagement at Norfolk State University. He also held various positions at Clark Atlanta University including Executive Director of Student Affairs, Director of Leadership and Student Engagement, and Undergraduate Program Coordinator for the Department of English. He has also held positions at Georgia State University at Perimeter College, Fayetteville State University, and Albany State University.

As a national leader in teaching and learning and student success, Dr. Todd has received local, regional, and national awards for teaching excellence and creativity. He is a National Vulcan Awardee for Teaching Excellence, a two-time recipient of Clark Atlanta University’s highest recognition award for faculty and staff – the Aldridge-McMillan Award, and is a former editor of the Charles Chesnutt Society journal and the *National Association of Dramatic and Speech Arts (NADSA) Encore Journal*.

Dr. Todd is the recipient of several honors. Recent honors include being a gubernatorial appointee this month to serve as a member of the Board of Trustees for the South Carolina Commission for Minority Affairs, being awarded the 2023 Partnership Award by the Voorhees University Board of Trustees, being appointed to the Presidents’ Advisory Board for the National Association of HBCU Title III Administrators, being elected the 2023-2024 president of the Council of Presidents for the South Carolina Technical College System, being a 2023 awardee of the Diamond Award for Excellence in Education, Leadership, Philanthropy, Humanitarianism, and Community Engagement by the Not Alone Foundation and the Academy of the Diamond, and being named the 2021 Shining Star by the South Carolina Commission for Minority Affairs.

Dr. Todd earned a Doctor of Philosophy degree in English from Georgia State University; a Master of Education degree in Higher Education Administration (Student Affairs’ Concentration) from Regent University; a Master of Education degree in English Education and a Bachelor of Arts degree in English, both from Albany State University. Dr. Todd is a member of 100 Black Men of America and both a Province (regional) and Life Member of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc. where he serves as the province director for membership intake serving Georgia, South Carolina, South Africa, Nigeria, and the United Arab Emirates. A native of Decatur, GA, Dr. Todd has two daughters: Tatia and Jessica.