

INSTITUTIONAL ADVANCEMENT

Office of Institutional Advancement

Mission

The Office of Institutional Advancement (OIA) and CCRI Foundation lead the philanthropic efforts of the Community College of Rhode Island (CCRI). Working collaboratively with the CCRI Foundation and Alumni Association, OIA drives philanthropy to maximize the resources raised to support students in service of CCRI's mission and institutional priorities through a student and donor-centered, comprehensive, sustainable plan. Our work reflects the high standards and ethics adopted by the Council for the Advancement and Support of Education (CASE), Association of Fundraising Professionals (AFP), and Uniform Prudent Management of Institutional Funds Act (UPMIFA), and our impact is accomplished by creating relationships with our internal and external constituencies, fostering a spirit of equity, engagement, mutual support and integrity. In 2022, CCRI Foundation and Alumni Association became the first community college foundation recipient of the National Association for Governing Boards for Universities and Colleges' (AGB) Nason Award for Board Leadership. This award specifically honors the Foundation's commitment to equity.

CCRI Foundation

The Community College of Rhode Island Foundation is an independent, nonprofit organization governed by its Board of Trustees and managed by its Executive Director. The CCRI Foundation facilitates and provides support from individual, corporate, foundation and government funding sources for CCRI and its students. Funds are used for student scholarships, book awards, emergency relief, strategic programs, professional development, capital improvements and educational equipment and resources. Today, philanthropic partnerships are critical to the growing community of CCRI's courageous believers. For more information, visit the CCRI Foundation website (<https://www.ccri.edu/foundation/>)

Alumni Association

The CCRI Alumni Association works with the CCRI Foundation to raise funds for the college, create alumni engagement events, and promote volunteer programs in service of students. The Alumni Association supports annual scholarships, book awards, and emergency funding for students. Membership is open to all graduates of the college or has satisfactorily completed one year of study (equivalent of thirty credit hours but not currently enrolled as a full-time student at the college). Since 1964, CCRI has graduated more than 80,000 students and the Alumni Association leverages the power of the CCRI network. For more information, visit the Alumni website (<https://www.ccri.edu/alumni/>).

Institutional Giving (IG)

Institutional Giving (IG) operates within the Office of Institutional Advancement to advance CCRI's mission and strategic priorities through the cultivation, solicitation, and stewardship of corporate and foundation grant funding and partnership programs. IG supports faculty and staff in identifying funding opportunities, refining funding strategies, directing competitive grant development, and managing post-award stewardship. For more information, visit the Office of Institutional Advancement's website (<https://www.ccri.edu/foundation/>).