

Institutional Advancement

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MISSION

The Office of Institutional Advancement (OIA) leads the philanthropic efforts of the Community College of Rhode Island (CCRI). Working collaboratively with the CCRI Foundation and the CCRI Alumni Association, OIA responsibly promotes philanthropy to maximize the resources raised to support students in service of CCRI's mission and institutional priorities through a 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 is accomplished by creating relationships with our internal and external constituencies, fostering a spirit of engagement, mutual support and integrity.

CCRI FOUNDATION

The Community College of Rhode Island Foundation was established in January 1979 as an independent, nonprofit organization to encourage and provide support from private sources for CCRI and its students. Funds are used for student scholarships, book awards, emergency funding, strategic programs, and the college's professional development initiatives, capital improvements and the purchase of educational equipment. [For more information, visit the CCRI Foundation website.](#)

ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

The CCRI Alumni Association works with the CCRI Foundation to raise funds for the college, sponsor alumni engagement events for graduates and friends, and present annual scholarships, book awards, and emergency funding for students. Alumni Association membership is open to all graduates of the college. Since 1964, CCRI has graduated more than 70,000 students. [For more information, visit the Alumni website.](#)

GRANTS

Our goal is to support faculty and staff in seeking, obtaining and administering grant-funded programs that uphold the mission of the College. The Office of Institutional Advancement assists faculty and staff through the initial process of notifying college administration of interest in obtaining external funding, developing an idea, coordinating funding opportunities, seeking external funding resources and assisting the program director once the project is funded. [For more information, visit the Office of Institutional Advancement's website.](#)