**Short Bio on Dr. Daria Willis**

Dr. Daria J. Willis serves as the 17th president of Everett Community College (EvCC), an institution with over 19,000 credit and non-credit students in the Seattle Metropolitan area. She is the school’s first African American president and fourth woman in this role in its 79-year history. EvCC is one of eleven community colleges nationwide that earned recognition from Achieving the Dream as a “Leader College of Distinction.” EvCC was recognized for increases in the number of students completing math and English requirements during their first year, year-to-year retention and degree completion.

Drawing from her experience as a first-generation student to college and a student parent, Dr. Willis has partnered actively with public school districts, four-year universities, local businesses, and not-for-profit organizations to offer services and support to students from all backgrounds. She is a member of the American Association of Community College’s Commission on Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion and she has served on local boards for the NAACP, the Economic Alliance of Snohomish County, Providence Hospital, and will soon become a member of the Girl Scouts of Western Washington Board.

Dr. Willis was named a 2018 recipient of the American Association for Women in Community Colleges’ “40 Under 40” Award. She is a proud graduate of Florida A&M University and Florida State University, earning her BA, MA, and PhD in African American History, and she is a dedicated wife and mother to her amazing family.