

“The Fierce Urgency of Now”

Pledge of Allegiance

Natasha DeSouza
Briana LaCava
Emily Santilli

Welcoming Address

Hon. James W. Coffey, 1st Justice
Hon. Serge Georges, Jr.
Hon. Lisa A. Grant
Hon. Thomas S. Kaplanes
Hon. Jonathan R. Tynes
Hon. Peter M. Coyne

Welcoming Remarks

Hon. Roberto Ronquillo, Jr.,
Chief Justice of the Boston Municipal Court

Musical Presentations - “I Can’t Give Up Now”

Issa Bibbins
Bryanna Brown
Verdon Matthias

Guest Speaker

Chancellor J. Keith Motley, PhD
Umass Boston

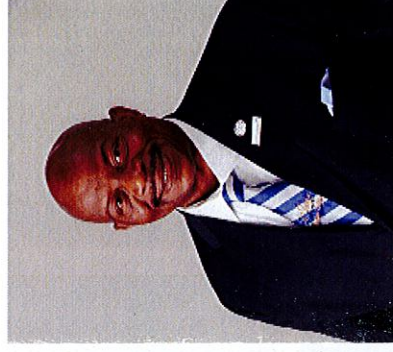
“Lift Ev’ry Voice and Sing”

Bryanna Brown

“We are now faced with the fact that tomorrow is today. We are confronted with the fierce urgency of now. In this unfolding conundrum of life and history, there “is” such a thing as being too late. This is no time for apathy or complacency. This is a time for vigorous and positive action.”

-Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

Chancellor J. Keith Motley, PhD



J. Keith Motley is the eighth chancellor of the University of Massachusetts Boston, a research university with 11 graduate schools and colleges and 17,000 students.

In addition to representing UMass Boston locally, nationally, and internationally, Chancellor Motley oversees newly launched and highly ambitious master plan and strategic planning initiatives that reflect the university’s determination to remain true to its origins as a teaching institution while enhancing its standing in research, preparing its students to succeed in a transnational world, graduating significantly greater numbers to meet increasing demand for a well-educated workforce, and similarly growing as a source of knowledge and public service.

Prior to his appointment as chancellor, Dr. Motley also served in various roles both on the campus and in the UMass System’s office, following more than 20 years as an administrator for Northeastern University.

Dr. Motley holds bachelor’s and master’s degrees from Northeastern University and a Doctor of Philosophy degree from Boston College. He also holds an honorary degree awarded by Northeastern University. He is a graduate of the University of Pittsburgh’s Upward Bound Program. He is married to Angela Motley and is the proud father of Keith Alllyn, Kayla Iman, and Jordan Kiara.