ALVIN STURDIVANT

Alvin Sturdivant, Ed.D., joined the University of Portland in 2025 as the institution's inaugural Vice President for Student Affairs & Inclusive Excellence. In this role, Dr. Sturdivant leads UP's Division of Student Affairs & Inclusive Excellence, including Campus Ministry, Campus Safety & Emergency Management, the Moreau Center for Service & Justice, Residence Life, Student Activities, the Student Health & Counseling Center, the Student Wellness Center, and the Center for Gender & Sexuality. He also guides institution-wide initiatives to promote inclusive excellence and foster a sense of belonging for all members of the Pilot community.

Prior to joining the University of Portland, Dr. Sturdivant served as Vice Provost for Student & Campus Life at Seattle University. His career has also included senior leadership and teaching positions at Saint Louis University, the University of Vermont, and North Carolina State University. He earned his BA and MEd at NC State, and his EdD at the University of Vermont.

His scholarly and professional interests include examining the effects of oppression and discriminatory practices in college communities, exploring the experiences of students of color in higher education, examining campus climate in the context of bias related acts and behaviors, and exploring the experiences of African American men in higher education. Committed to the community, Dr. Sturdivant formerly served as the chair of the Meredith Mathews East Madison YMCA board of directors and as a board member for the Central District Forum for Arts and Ideas. Dr. Sturdivant's Swedish board tenure began March 1, 2022.

