

Dr. Jeremy L. Pickard Biography

Dr. Jeremy L. Pickard is a strategic, student-centered leader dedicated to strengthening the community college mission through access, equity, and economic mobility. With more than twenty years of progressive leadership experience, he currently serves as Vice Chancellor of Academic Affairs at Eastern Iowa Community Colleges, where he provides executive oversight for academic strategy, online learning, concurrent enrollment, and multicampus educational operations. In this role, he has advanced a culture of excellence focused on student success, workforce relevance, and fiscal stewardship.

A visionary builder of partnerships, Dr. Pickard has worked closely with K–12 districts, business and industry, and regional stakeholders to expand opportunity and meet emerging workforce needs. He played a pivotal role in passing a \$40 million bond that established four new Career Advancement Centers, dramatically expanding CTE access and strengthening rural and urban talent pipelines. Under his leadership, EICC experienced enrollment growth, increased retention and completion, and earned national recognition as a Top 200 Aspen Prize–eligible institution.

Dr. Pickard’s leadership reflects a deep commitment to innovation and institutional transformation. He has secured millions in competitive grants, championed digital learning expansion, strengthened faculty excellence, and enhanced pathways leading to transfer, high-skill employment, and community vitality.

A former faculty member and longtime school board president, Dr. Pickard brings a holistic understanding of education, governance, and community impact. He holds a Ph.D. in Educational Leadership and Policy Studies from Iowa State University.