

# PAUL QUINN

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## **Paul Quinn Names Brian Evans as First Vice President and Director of Athletics**

DALLAS – September 7, 2023 – Paul Quinn announces Brian Evans, former vice president of athletics at Georgetown College in Georgetown, Kentucky as its first Vice President and Director of Athletics. In this role, he will be responsible for helping the college to achieve its goals of winning national championships in all of its sports, and graduating student-athletes who are prepared for professional success in all of their endeavors. Evans brings more than 25 years of leadership experience with a focus on a holistic approach to developing student athletes.

“Brian Evans' appointment as our first VP and Director of Athletics speaks to our institutional commitment to the continued evolution of athletics at Paul Quinn. In addition to having some of the best facilities found at any small college in America, we also want student-athletes who achieve the highest levels of success on the playing field and in the classroom. Our athletic goals at Paul Quinn are simple: win national championships and produce multiple academic All-Americans in every sport. We want our student-athletes to have both four-year and 40-year plans,” said Dr. Michael J. Sorrell, President of Paul Quinn College. “Brian Evans knows how to do this. He has repeatedly done it at Georgetown College. He will do it here. This is a watershed moment in the Quinnite Nation.”

Evans spent more than 18 years at Georgetown College, where 12 of those years he led the athletic department. During his tenure, he made tremendous strides in academic performance, recruiting, retention, and facilities, most notably increasing opportunities to women athletes and hiring coaches who have taken teams to national tournaments, a national championship, and competed in multiple Fab Fours.

At a broader level, Evans led Georgetown College through its most significant growth in diversity in the school's history, increasing the campus population from three percent to 14 percent minority enrollment during his leadership in the area of diversity and inclusion. Evans also led retention efforts by helping to retain more than 85 percent of its minority students.

“It's an exciting time coming to Paul Quinn at this point in my career, and to be working alongside an innovative leader like President Sorrell. It's a new challenge and new opportunity to build the athletic department by taking a holistic approach to developing the entire student-athlete. We must develop them be champions at life as well as on the courts and fields. I'm looking forward to seeing what opportunities exist and what we will accomplish together,” said Brian Evans, Vice President of Athletics for Paul Quinn.

Evans has served in a number of roles where he has mentored youth, especially during his time as a high school football coach for 10 seasons. Throughout his life, Evans has worked with young people in helping them change their lives and dream beyond their current boundaries. Evans has donated a significant amount of time as a volunteer and was named volunteer of the year for Jefferson County Public Schools in Kentucky.

Evans earned a bachelor's degree in social work from University of Kentucky. He has completed his coursework for a Master of Art degree in teaching with an emphasis in mathematics. He holds a certification as a Diversity Trainer from Cornell University. Originally from Louisville, Kentucky, Evans is married with three adult children.

Paul Quinn College is a member of the United States Collegiate Athletic Association, National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics, and the Red River Athletic Conference, Paul Quinn College offers varsity men's and women's basketball, soccer, track, cross country, and women's volleyball teams.

United States Collegiate Athletic Association is a national governing body that provides quality intercollegiate athletic competition on a national level. The USCAA exists to provide small colleges the opportunity to compete against like institutions in size and resource for National Championships and student-athlete recognition.

National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics is a governing body of small athletics programs that are dedicated to character-driven intercollegiate athletics. Since 1937, the NAIA has administered programs and championships in proper balance with the overall college educational experience.

The Red River Athletic Conference is an affiliate of the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics. The conference's 12 member institutions are located in Louisiana, New Mexico, Oklahoma, and Texas.

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### **About Paul Quinn College**

Paul Quinn College is a private, faith-based, four-year, liberal arts-inspired college that was founded in 1872, by a group of African Methodist Episcopal Church preachers in Austin, Texas. The school's original purpose was to educate freed slaves and their offspring. Today, Paul Quinn proudly educates students of all races and socio-economic classes under the banner of its institutional ethos, WE over Me. It is the first Urban Work College and only minority-serving, federally-recognized work college in America. Paul Quinn is viewed as one of the most innovative colleges in America, one that continuously expands the boundaries of higher education and community advocacy in its quest to eradicate intergenerational poverty. For more information, visit [www.paulquinn.edu](http://www.paulquinn.edu).

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