



Charles Ansell

Charles Ansell has dedicated his career to educational justice and equity. In his current role at Complete College America, Charles uses research to advocate for legislation and resources that help students graduate college, closing socioeconomic, racial, gender, geographical or generational disparities that exist in college completion.

2020 - Present

Vice President – Research, Policy, and Advocacy Complete College America (CCA)

Advance CCA’s system, state, and federal policy agenda and evidence base for equitable postsecondary attainment across Alliance of 39 states and 10 systems.

- Provide expert testimony, language, and guidance for state and federal policy change with legislatures, system leads, and congressional / US DoE staff
- Author | publish [field-moving reports](#) on [current-state](#) of [higher education reform](#) efforts

2016 - 2020

Chief Operating Officer Community College System of New Hampshire

Led academic, student success, finance, IT, and research operations for statewide system of 7 colleges | 13 campuses | 25k+ students

- Defined student success strategy, metrics, and targets, and oversaw region leading +8 pp increase in graduation rates.
 - Accountable for all financial operations, overseeing 50 percent growth in reserves, doubling of debt coverage
- Before this, *CFO* | *Associate Vice Chancellor* for Community College System of New Hampshire

2011 – 2016

Senior Associate Vice Chancellor – Academic Governance and Strategy City Colleges of Chicago

- Directed student services operations for 60,000-plus students, leading to ~15% increase in total degrees attained, ~80% jump in graduation rate, and ~25% growth in transitions from remedial to college-level coursework

Before this, *Executive Director, Strategic Initiatives* and *Senior Project Team Leader* at City Colleges of Chicago; *IT Coordinator* at Malcolm X College

September 2019 - Present

Ed.D. in Higher Education
Northeastern University
(Presently dissertating)

- Student Success
- Policy
- Finance
- Data
- Information Technology

September 2008 – June 2010

M.S. in Business IT
DePaul University

*Native English speaker,
intermediate proficiency in
Spanish reading / writing*

September 2000 – June 2004

B.A. in Political Science
Carleton College

