

E. LaBrent Chrite, PhD

Biography

Dr. E. LaBrent Chrite is an experienced higher education leader with a background in global economic and business development. He was named the ninth president of Bentley University in 2021 and previously served as the president of Bethune-Cookman University. As the president of Bethune-Cookman University, Dr. Chrite led the institution through one of the most challenging periods in the institution's history. During his tenure, he led the university through an accreditation review that strengthened institutional governance and fiscal integrity and secured continued accreditation while eliminating deficits and achieving institutional stability. Dr. Chrite also served as the dean of the Daniels College of Business at the University of Denver and as the dean and professor of management at the Feliciano School of Business at Montclair State University.

Over the course of his career, Dr. Chrite has assisted public and private sector enterprises, policy makers and higher education institutions in individual and institutional capacity building efforts in emerging and post transition markets across the globe. His work has been aimed at strengthening private sector development, enabling environment creation and entrepreneurship toward the reduction of poverty. Dr. Chrite has worked on behalf of the World Bank Group, the U.S. State Department, the Eurasia Foundation and others to strengthen economic conditions and improve business education across the Middle East, Africa, Eastern Europe and Central Asia. Dr. Chrite is currently an independent director at Gordon Food Service, a privately held \$18B North American enterprise, where he chairs the risk committee and at AVESPA, a revolutionary photobioreactor-technology company. He holds a PhD from the University of Michigan, MS from the University of Missouri-Columbia and BA from Michigan State University.