

Bio: Dr. Andrea Hickson Martin



Dr. Hickson-Martin is the Graduate Program Coordinator for Early Childhood and Elementary Education at Bay Path University. A founding member of Bay Path's Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Committee, she has a wealth of experience in public and private education settings. She advocates for LGBTQIA+ students, faculty, and staff interested in creating a more inclusive environment. She is a sought-after speaker on LGBTQIA+ inclusion, with a reputation for directly addressing matters of relevance and importance in an accessible and non-threatening manner.

Dr. Hickson-Martin built her career in urban education, spending nearly two decades in teaching and administrative roles in Holyoke and Springfield, Massachusetts. Dr. Hickson-Martin has been recognized as an Intel Teach to the Future Master Teacher, a Master Teacher with the NASA Living With a Star program, and is a Grinspoon Teacher of Excellence award winner. Dr. Hickson-Martin is the Chair of the Board of Directors for Square One, a non-profit organization serving thousands of children and families every year. In West Springfield, Ma, she resides with her wife, Dr. Kathy Martin, and their therapy dog, Piper.