

James Nealy Jr.

James Nealy has 40 years of law enforcement experience. He began his career in law enforcement with the Department of Corrections and then served as a Connecticut State Trooper for 21 years. After retiring as a Trooper First Class, with stints training new troopers at the Academy, he joined the Bridgeport Public School System as the Supervisor for the School Police and Security Division. He later served as Director of all Bridgeport School Police and Security before going to work at Quinnipiac.

Mr. Nealy is a certified law enforcement trainer who has taught courses on a wide range of topics, including police and the law, diversity, use of force, unconscious bias, and fair and impartial policing. In 2018, Mr. Nealy was appointed a member of the prestigious National Association of Black Law Enforcement Officers, an organization that leads nationally recognized programs to reduce gun violence and eliminate racial profiling.

Mr. Nealy is presently a second-year Doctoral Student in Educational Leadership. He earned a Master's Degree in Organizational leadership from Quinnipiac University and a Bachelor's Degree in Political Science from Central Connecticut State University (CCSU). He also completed additional graduate work at CCSU and holds numerous professional development certificates including the FBI-LEEDA Trilogy in leadership.

A graduate of Hartford Public High School, and trained by legendary 1952, 100-meter Olympic Champion, Lindy Remigino, Mr. Nealy held two state records along with 11 state championships, and 3 All-American Awards.