

# James Vincent '00

2008 David E. Sweet  
Leadership Award



Jim Vincent, 2000 Upsilon Class, has spent his entire career working in housing and community development. Since March 1998, he has served as Manager of Constituent Advocacy at Rhode Island Housing, where he provides outreach and technical assistance to underserved communities. Jim also produces and hosts the “Jim Vincent Show” television program.

A tireless advocate in affordable housing and minority issues, Jim provides leadership to numerous boards. He is president of RI Affirmative Action Professionals and East Bay Community Action, Inc, a trustee and Secretary of the Providence Public Library, a past president of the Urban League of RI and currently second vice president of the Providence Branch NAACP. Additionally, Jim has co-chaired RI Minority Enterprise Development Week, and served as media chair for both the RI Black Heritage Society Ball and the 2005 RI Cape Verdean Common Threads conference. He is vice president of the Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, spokesperson of the African Alliance of RI and serves on a multitude of other boards, such as United Way of RI, RI Civil Rights Roundtable, RI for Community and Justice Advisory Board to name only a few.

Jim holds a bachelor’s degree in Government from Dartmouth College and a master’s degree in City Planning from the University of Pennsylvania. He is originally from Boston’s South End, where he spent the first years of his career working in local and state government and non-profits. He later served as Housing Coordinator for the City of East Providence. He currently lives in Cranston.