

## William Holdipp Bio

As Executive Director of the Consortium of African American Organizations (CAAO) William is a firm believer that everyone should have access to opportunities and the importance of reaching back to help others. He has dedicated his talents and training to helping others. As a native Bermudian, his passion for helping others began during his early 20's when he was volunteering for Amnesty International, a human rights organization. During this time, William had the opportunity to advocate for people around the world that were suffering from various human right violations. William eventually got more involved with Amnesty International when he joined the board of AI Bermuda. He organized international campaigns for numerous countries including Cuba, China, Sierra Leone, and the United States.

At CAAO, William oversees the multiple areas including marketing, fundraising, program development, recruiting of member organizations, HR management, and accounting for the organization. Among his notable accomplishments include being part of an international selection committee to hire an Executive Director for the Caribbean region of Amnesty International, founding member of the Tibet Interest Group of Bermuda, graduating from Cleveland Bridge Builders and Neighborhood Leadership Cleveland. William is also a published author with *Smart Business Cleveland Magazine*. Mr. Holdipp currently served on various committees in Cleveland which includes the Global Cleveland African American Committee (Vice Chair), Neighborhood Leadership Cleveland Alumni Committee (Co-Chair), and the Cleveland State Diversity Advisory Group. He currently volunteers for the Cleveland State University Links Scholars Program, the NEO Stem Alliance, and is also a 2017 Espire Conference Ambassador. William is also a certified life coach working with people from the various neighborhoods in Cleveland. He has a degree in Business Administration from Bermuda College.