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Dr. Rahim's career includes notable achievements, such as co-founding two startup firms and serving as Business Dean at Claremont Lincoln University and Strayer University. His expertise spans strategic planning, change management, and leadership development. He is an active member of professional organizations including PMI, SHRM, ICPM and Scrum Alliance, contributing to advancements in project management, program accreditation (GAC-PMI) and organizational practices.

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A recipient of numerous accolades, Dr. Rahim has been honored with the Dr. Curt Reimann Baldrige Scholarship and Quality Award, the Congressional Award for Civic Engagement, and the United Nations Impact100 recognition. He has also received an honorary PhD from The Chicago School and a Syracuse City Hall Proclamation for volunteerism. As a Fulbright Scholar, Author and TEDx Speaker, he has served as a commencement speaker at over a dozen universities and keynote speaker at conferences and corporate events addressing audiences with topics, such as resilience, leadership, and diversity.

He holds a PhD in Sustainability from Capitol Technology University, a Doctor of Management, two master's degrees from Colorado Technical University, and post-doctoral credentials from Harvard, Tulane, and the University of Maryland. His professional certifications include *CSP-SM*, *SAFe Agilist*, *C.Mgr.*, and *PMP®*, showcasing his expertise in project management and organizational excellence.