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Our Mission

The Not Alone Foundation is a non-profit organization dedicated to the awareness and prevention of kidney disease and enhancing the quality of life of sufferers by providing educational and medical resources and financial assistance for chronic kidney disease (CKD) and end-stage renal disease (ESRD) patients and their families. Using the platforms of entertainment, wellness, arts and design as mediums to help forward our mission, NAF educates, inspires and uplifts, working determinedly to confront and conquer this global epidemic.

In addition to the integration of our four core programs, NAF supports interconnected health initiatives such diabetes and high blood pressure awareness, as well as cancer prevention and integrative treatment.

The Not Alone Foundation Inc., in its efforts to combat this global epidemic with impacting the quality of life of affected individuals, we do the small things that make a big difference! NAF is pleased to also partner with other foundations /organizations as community and civically engaged partners to support other initiatives, missions, & visions that perpetuate service above self for the greater good of the community.

The Diamond Awards is a program designed to honor faces and images of excellence in the entertainment, corporate and creative industries for their professional accomplishments and contributions to our society on a local, state, or international level.



Our Impact

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Every year, more than 100,000 Americans are diagnosed with kidney failure and more than 400,000 Americans suffer from (ESKD), which occurs when the kidneys are no longer able to function at a level needed for day-today life. The average estimated cost of a kidney transplant in the United States is more than \$250,000. The Not Alone Foundation is a non-profit organization based in Atlanta and dedicated to providing financial assistance and educational and medical resources for CKD and ESRD patients and their families.

The goals of the organization are two-fold: to help adult end-stage renal disease patients become members of the official kidney transplant list and to support the families of children and teens suffering from ESRD. The Not Alone Foundation was established by Mark Dodd, Morehouse College Alumnus following his own challenges to get on the official kidney transplant list. In addition to providing financial assistance for patients, the foundation also sponsors research and public education that promotes the prevention of diseases that can lead to kidney failure.



Chairman

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The Not Alone Foundation

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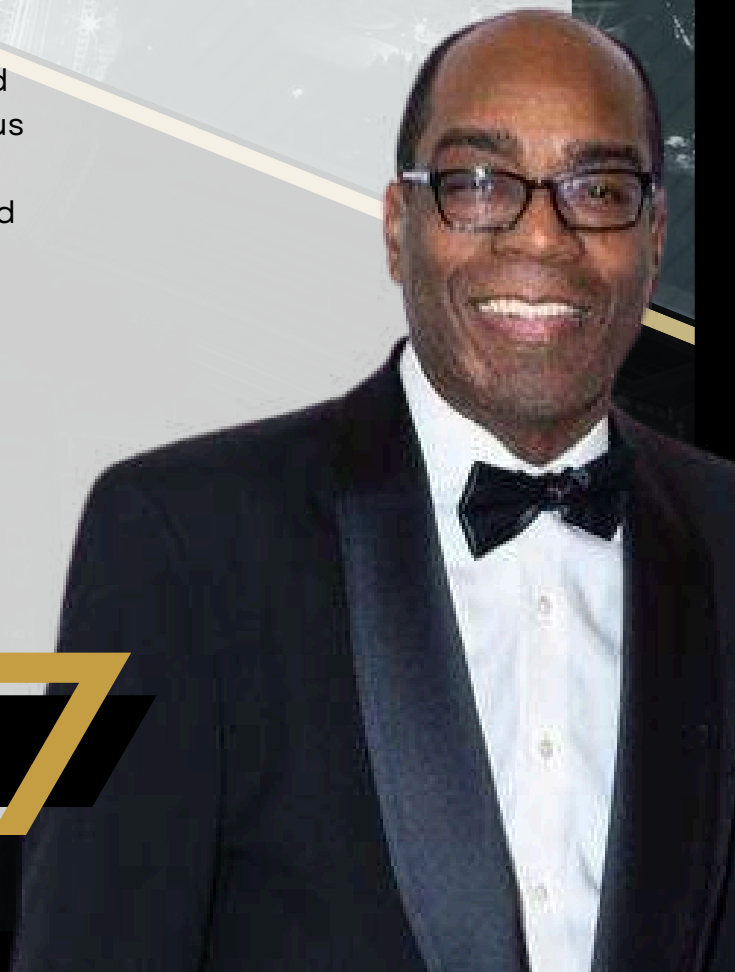
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- To help adult end-stage renal disease patients become members of the official kidney transplant list
- To support the families of children and teens suffering from ESRD.

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MARK DODD



President

President

The Not Alone Foundation

On behalf of the board of trustees, senior leadership, and staff of the Not Alone Foundation, Inc,

I welcome you to the 8th Annual Diamond Awards!

The Not Alone Foundation is committed to embracing the needs of individuals that aligns with our mission, vision, and initiatives provided by the foundation.

As President of the foundation, I am humbled to serve; and dedicated to continue my commitment to the community through this distinguished charity.

As we celebrate the 8th Diamond Awards we pause to end the holiday season with acknowledgement of the Christmas season as we give to those less fortunate. The leadership of the foundation is proud to pay tribute to the global face of civil rights, The Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s. day of service and birthday as a community production through the Diamond Awards that is the vehicle that introduces the celebration of Black History month; Diversity, Equity, & Inclusion professionals; Essential Workers as Heroes; and our slate of luminaires that will be honored during this 8th Annual Diamond Awards presentation!

ROBERT JACKSON



Atlanta, Ga

Atlanta, Ga

The Diamond of the South

Atlanta, Georgia, founded in 1837 as the end of the Western & Atlantic railroad line (it was first named Marthasville in honor of the then-governor's daughter, nicknamed Terminus for its rail location, and then changed soon after to Atlanta, the feminine of Atlantic -- as in the railroad).

Today the fast-growing city remains a transportation hub, not just for the country but also for the world: Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport is the world's busiest in daily passenger flights. Direct flights to Europe, South America, and Asia have made metro Atlanta easily accessible to the more than 1,000 international businesses that operate here and the more than 50 countries that have representation in the city through consulates, trade offices, and chambers of commerce. The city has emerged as a banking center and boasts the third largest concentration of Fortune 500 companies in the country.

Atlanta is the capital city of the Southeast, a city of the future with strong ties to its past. The old in new Atlanta is the soul of the city, the heritage that enhances the quality of life in a contemporary city. In the turbulent 60s, Atlanta was "the city too busy to hate." And today, in the 21st century, Atlanta is the "city not too busy to care."



Lifetime Achievement

Lifetime Achievement | Broadcast Executive American Civil Rights Leader

Xernona Clayton as an American civil rights leader and broadcasting executive. During the Civil Rights Movement, she worked for the National Urban League and Southern Christian Leadership Conference, where she became involved in the work of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Later, Clayton went into television, where she became the first African American from the southern United States to host a daily prime time talk show. She became corporate vice president for Turner Broadcasting.

Xernona Clayton has been honored worldwide for her contributions to humanity, which includes: Bronze Women of the Year for Human Relations, 1969; Communications Woman of Achievement Award by the Atlanta Chapter of American Women in Radio and Television, 1984-85; First Black woman to receive The Trailblazer Award by the Greater Atlanta Club Business and Professional Woman; Superior Television

Named one of Georgia's Most Influential Women 1984 and Black Georgian of the Year 1984; being included in Leadership Atlanta, Atlanta Chamber of Commerce, 1971; named Bethune-Tubman Woman of the Year Award, Chicago, 1985; Named Woman of the Year by Black Women Hall of Fame foundation, 1985; T; named one of the nation's Top 100 Black Business and Professional Women by Dollars and Sense Magazine, 1985; being one of Seven Atlanta honorees for Black Achievers Award by the Equitable, 1986; being inducted into the Academy of Women Achievers by the YWCA, 1986; Communications Award by the OICs of America, 1986; American Spirit Award by the United States Air Force Recruiting Service, 1987; and receiving the President's Award by the National Conference of Mayors, 1983.



XERNONA CLAYTON

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CULINARY EXCELLENCE

4:00PM

THE DIAMOND AWARDS CEREMONY

5:00PM

Welcome

Navania Rhodes - Actress

Special Awards Unveiling

Narration: Navania Rhodes

THE DIAMOND AWARDS - DR. ANNE WIMBUSH WATTS EXCELLENCE FOR COMMUNITY & CIVIC ENGAGEMENT

- RECIPIENTS -

Dr. David Marrow

(Professor of Music, Morehouse College)

John Zachary

(Retired, Morehouse College)

Jeffrey O. G. Ogbar, Ph.D.

(Prof of History, University of Connecticut)

Musical Tributes

TO DR. ANNE WIMBUSH 'MOTHER MOREHOUSE' WATTS Members of The Morehouse College Glee Club

HONOREES: PERFORMANCE BY GREG KIRKLAND, ARTIST

TRIBUTE TO NATIONAL TREASURE: MS. XERONA CLAYTON PRESENTED BY THE NOT ALONE FOUNDATION

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Navania Rhodes - Act

Narration: Navania Rh

Presentations of the Diamond Awards

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VANDERBILT UNIVERSITY MEDICAL CENTER

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GRADUATE SCHOOL, & DIRECTOR OF POSTDOCTORAL AFFAIRS
VANDERBILT UNIVERSITY

CHARLIE BOLTON

SENIOR VICE PRESIDENT - MID MARKETS
AT&T

ALASTAIR CRIBB

DVM, PHD, FCAHS
DEAN & HENRY AND LOIS FOSTER PROFESSOR
TRANSFORMATIVE LEADERSHIP IN VETERINARY EDUCATION
TUFTS UNIVERSITY
CUMMINGS SCHOOL OF VETERINARY MEDICINE

Creative Tribute To Honorees

KENDRA WILLIAMS & SOPHIE MOSEBY WILLIAMS
(WRITERS, RESPECTIVELY)

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Continuation Of Awards Presentations

DR. INDRA K. REDDY

INTERIM CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER & VICE PRESIDENT
TEXAS A&M HEALTH

DEVIKA PATRIDGE

TIMOTHY BEARD, INTERIM PRESIDENT
FLORIDA A&M UNIVERSITY (FAMU)

MATTHEW WILSON

DEAN & PRESIDENT
TEMPLE UNIVERSITY - JAPAN

ALONZO FOSTER

HOLISTIC HEALTH PRACTITIONER
ZHOLISTIC LIFE

Diamond Awards Musical Tribute to Honorees:

PERFORMANCE BY:

DR. SHERRY DUKES-WILLIAMS
SOPRANO

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Navania Rhodes - Actor

Narration: Navania Rhodes

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MICHAEL SAGAS

DEAN, COLLEGE OF HOSPITALITY,
RETAIL & SPORT MANAGEMENT
UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH CAROLINA

ANTHONY B. JENKINS

ACTOR

SANTANA FLANIGAN

GENERAL COUNSEL
ROCKDALE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS
& ADJUNCT PROFESSOR OF LAW
UNIVERSITY OF GEORGIA SCHOOL OF LAW

ANTONIO ROBINSON

SENIOR VICE PRESIDENT
GENERAL COUNSEL & SECRETARY
CORPORATE SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY &
CHIEF COMPLIANCE OFFICER

JUSTIN CUTLER

DR. DWAYNE HOOKS

DEAN & PROFESSOR
CLAYTON STATE UNIVERSITY

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Diamond Awards Musical Tribute to Honorees

INDRA THOMAS
SOPRANO

SONYA WILLIAMSS
SOPRANO

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CECIL HOWARD
ASSOCIATE PROVOST FOR ACADEMIC PROGRAMS
& INTERIM DEAN OF THE COLLEGE OF LAW
FLORIDA A&M UNIVERSITY

SARAH WILLIE MCGRUFF
PRESIDENT
SMITH COLLEGE

CURTIS ADAMS
CHIEF OF POLICE
BIBB COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT

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CHANCELLOR
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ARMOND LAWSON
HEAD OF MIDDLE SCHOOL
GILMAN SCHOOL

CONWAY C.S. CAMPBELL, ED.D.,
VICE PRESIDENT OF STUDENT SUCCESS
ASSUMPTION UNIVERSITY

MARSHA MCGRIFF
VICE CHANCELLOR FOR EQUITY & INCLUSION
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PROFESSOR
PROVIDENCE COLLEGE

MARKIS PIPER
CHAIRMAN
CATALYTIC CONSULTING

KENDRA WILLIAMS & SOPHIE MOSEBY WILLIAMS
WRITERS, RESPECTIVELY
SOPRANO

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Sherry Dukes
Williams
Soprano | Vocalist



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Vivian Sullivan

Maria Clark

Soprano

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Lifetime Achievement

2024 Diamond Award Recipient

Xernona Clayton

presented by:

Sid Barron

Asbury Automotive Group



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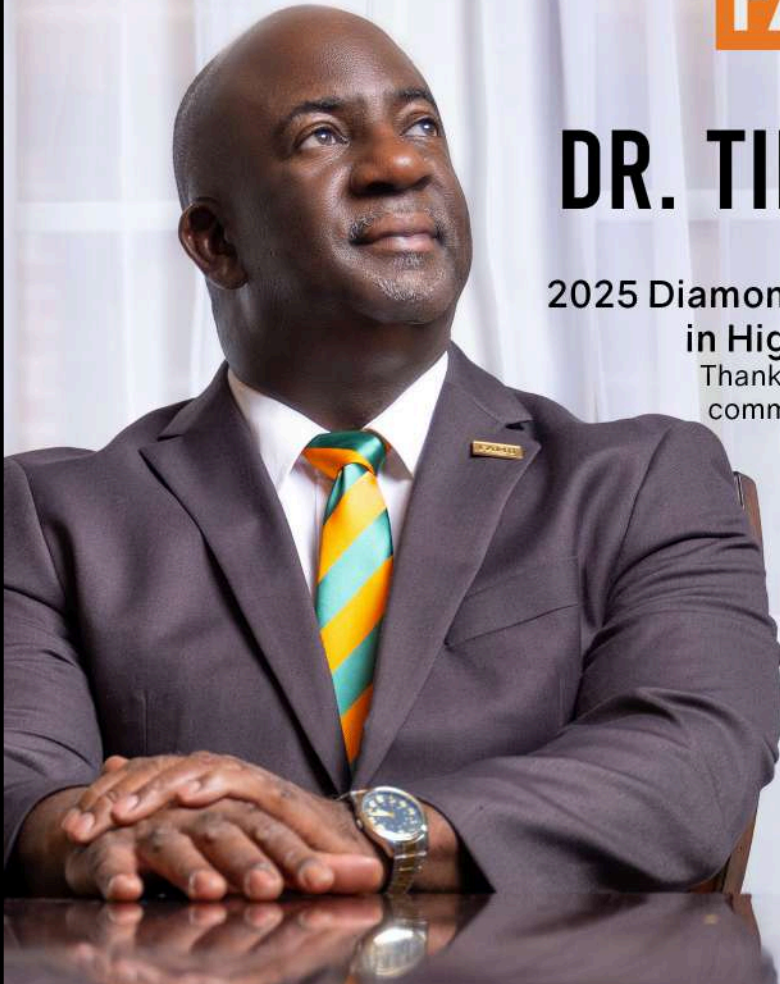
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CONGRATULATES

DR. TIMOTHY L. BEARD

Recipient of the
**2025 Diamond Award for Lifetime Achievement
in Higher Education Leadership.**

Thank you for your legacy of service and
commitment to Excellence with Caring.





Alastair Cribb
ALASTAIR CRIBB

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TRANSFORMATIVE LEADERSHIP IN
VETERINARY EDUCATION

Tufts
UNIVERSITY

Cummings School
of Veterinary Medicine



**Congratulations to
Alastair Cribb, DVM PhD FCAHS
Dean and Henry and Lois Foster
Professor**

**On receiving the 2025
Diamond Award
For
Transformative Leadership in
Veterinary Education**

An accolade reserved for extraordinary individuals whose visionary contributions have significantly impacted the field of veterinary medicine.

Throughout his career, Dr. Cribb has strived to advance veterinary education, research, and care. His commitment and leadership have helped faculty across North America transform veterinary education.



**Cummings School
of Veterinary Medicine**



Congratulations

PRESIDENT LINDA THOMPSON
DRPH, MPH, DNP (HC), RN, FAAN

*on receiving the Diamond Award for Lifetime Achievement
in Higher Education Leadership, Philanthropy,
Humanitarian Efforts, and Community Engagement.*



Westfield State University is proud to support
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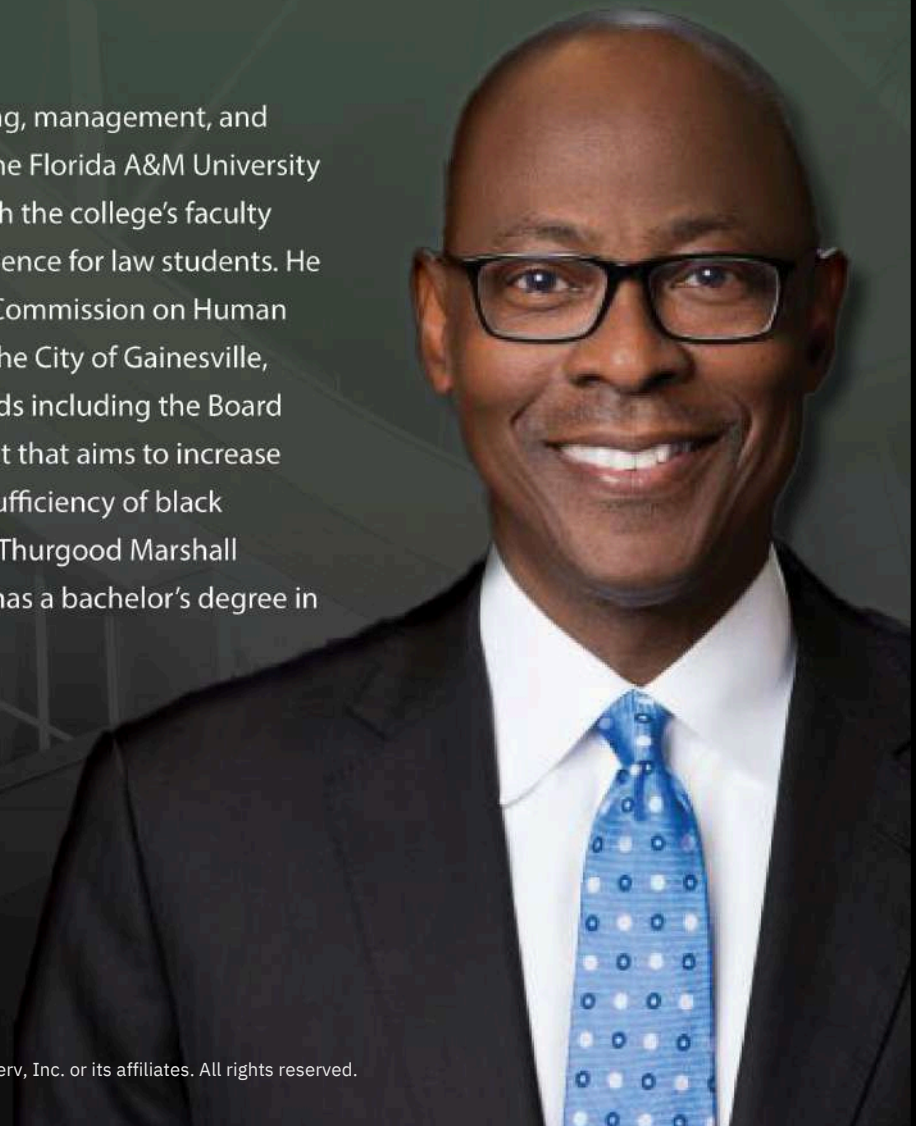
Cecil Howard, J.D.

*Associate Provost for Academic Programs and Interim Dean
Florida A&M University College of Law*

2025 Diamond Award Recipient

*Excellence in Law Educational Leadership, Social Justice,
Student Advocacy & Community Engagement*

Cecil Howard plays a key role in strategic planning, management, and oversight of numerous academic initiatives for the Florida A&M University (FAMU) College of Law. He also works closely with the college's faculty and staff to enhance the overall academic experience for law students. He has served as chief legal counsel for the Florida Commission on Human Relations and as equal opportunity director for the City of Gainesville, Florida. Howard currently serves on several boards including the Board of Directors for Collegiate Bridge, Inc., a nonprofit that aims to increase retention, graduation rates, and economic self-sufficiency of black students. He earned his juris doctorate from the Thurgood Marshall School of Law at Texas Southern University and has a bachelor's degree in government from Florida State University.





CONGRATULATIONS DEAN MICHAEL SAGAS

Reciepiient of the Diamond Award for Lifetime Achievement in
Higher Education Leadership, Philanthropy, Humanitarianism,
Civic & Community Engagement.



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Anthony E. Tuggle

Executive Leader | Mentor | Executive Coach | Keynote
Speaker | Community Advocate | Author

**2025 DIAMOND AWARD RECIPIENT OF
EXCELLENCE IN EXECUTIVE LEADERSHIP,
BUSINESS INNOVATION, AND COMMUNITY
ENGAGEMENT**



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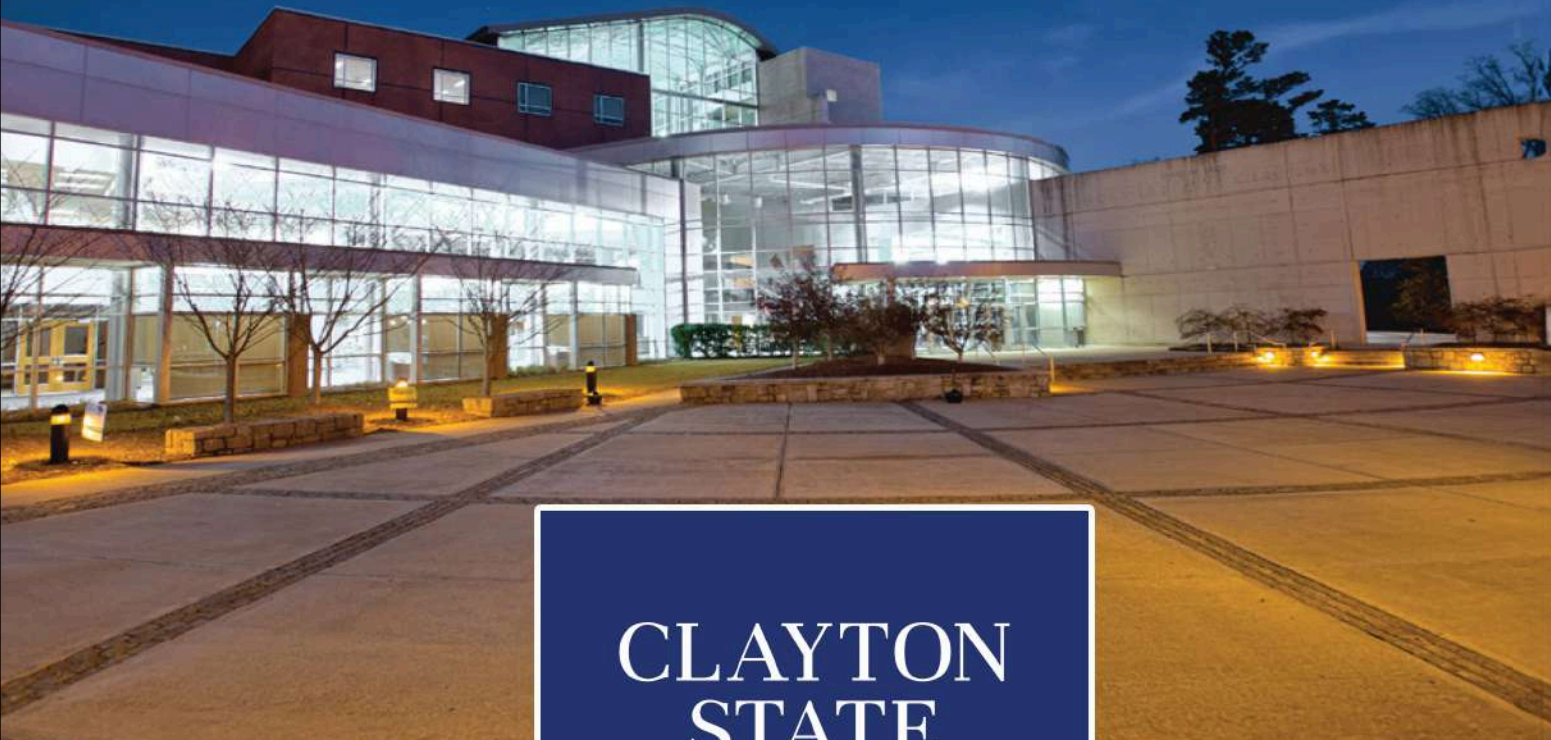
Anthony Tuggle is a transformational executive leader with over 25 years of experience driving innovation and growth across global consumer and enterprise operations. Renowned for his servant leadership and strategic vision, he has led multibillion-dollar organizations through significant change, overseeing teams in customer care, sales, marketing, product development, and AI-driven customer experience.

Beyond the boardroom, Anthony is a dedicated mentor and community advocate, serving on boards such as the National Kidney Foundation, National Sales Network, and Emory University's Goizueta Business School. As an executive coach, author and keynote speaker, he empowers individuals and organizations to lead with purpose and resilience.

Grounded in faith and humility, Anthony's leadership reflects a commitment to people-centered growth and lasting impact.



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Congratulations

Dr. Dwayne Hooks

RECIPIENT OF THE 2025 DIAMOND AWARD

Clayton State University proudly celebrates Dr. Dwayne Hooks for being recognized with the prestigious Diamond Award, honoring his unwavering commitment to academic excellence, community engagement, and transformational leadership.

Dr. Hooks exemplifies the values of integrity, innovation, and inclusion that guide our university. His impact on students, faculty, and the broader community continues to shine brilliantly—just like a diamond.

“Your brilliance inspires those around you to dream bigger, reach higher, and lead with purpose.”

— Clayton State University Family

We celebrate you, Dr. Hooks.

Your legacy continues to shape the future.

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