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With more than a quarter of a century serving in higher education, and higher education support organizations, he is known as a results oriented strategic thinker, and is lauded for his collaborative and focused leadership style that garners trust and builds confidence in his divisions and units to deliver on the mission of the institutions he serves. He believes in growing and investing in all those who work with him for the benefit of the institutions he serves.

He is a published author and has written several articles and white papers that are still must reads. His landmark white paper, "Navigating the New Normal, Financial Imperatives for MSI Effectiveness and Avoiding Financial Exigency" is still read extensively by MSI leaders and stakeholders. His first published book, "It's Easy Son, Quit Making Things Difficult" chronicles his journey from Kingston, Jamaica on a track and field scholarship to the varied roles he has occupied including Deloitte and UNCF. The book birthed a podcast of the same name, that features, corporate leaders, college presidents, Olympians,

spiritual leaders, and educators. The show airs on the HBCU Nation Radio Network and attracts an international audience.

He is a sought-after speaker on matters of higher education finances and operations and continues to give back to the industry by offering his services as a mentor to several HBCU presidents and is currently a faculty member for the HBCU Educational Leadership Institute at Clark Atlanta University. In this role as faculty for the institute he shares both his technical and experiential knowledge with aspiring university administrators who want to become leaders in the higher education industry. He has been a part of that program since its inception.

He is a honors graduate of Howard University in Washington DC where he majored in Accounting, and holds a master's degree in Christian Thought from the Gordon Conwell Theological Seminary in Charlotte, NC (where he currently serves as the Treasurer of the Board). He is known for his quick wit, and constant reminder to everyone working with him that, "we can't fix what we won't face." A reminder that applies to finances, operations and culture.

He is married to his college sweetheart, Sharon-Kaye, and their union produced three beautiful children. He is an avid reader, golfer, and writer who is already busy outlining his next book on his journey in the higher education industry. He is an Associate Minister at the Hope Church in Orlando, Florida, and spends much of his time trying to inspire those around him to see the possibilities that are inherently residing within them.