



Dr. Corey H. Thomas is a leader in his own right shaped by a family committed to serving their neighbors, community, organizations, state, and country. “My values were shaped and instilled in me by my mother and grandparents,” says Thomas. “They taught me that service, education, and a concern for the betterment of your fellow man is the perfect compass for your journey through life.”

His academic training has prepared Dr. Thomas for the various leadership positions he has held professionally and fraternally. He has earned the following degrees: Doctor of Business Administration, Master of Business Administration with an Information Technology Management Concentration (Magna Cum Laude), and a Bachelor of Science in the Management of Human Resources (Summa Cum Laude).

Following in the footsteps of the educators in his family, Dr. Thomas is currently an Associate Professor at the University of Arizona (Global Campus). His research interest includes Diversity in Workplace, Management of Virtual Teams, the Dynamics and Leadership of Not-for-Profit Organizations, and the Situational Leadership Theory. He has published works in various publications, consulted with various levels of organizational leadership, and conducted many workshops on a myriad of management and leadership topics.

Dr. Thomas is a retired veteran of the US Air Force, giving over 20 years of service to his country. Throughout his military career, Dr. Thomas found himself in various leadership positions where he was entrusted with responsibilities above his pay grade; he excelled and

never failed garnering many awards and accolades. As his military career came to an end, Corey's pride in the service he rendered to his country was evident in watching him lead the young airmen that are the future of the Air Force. Corey displays unselfish leadership when he states that, "every medal or award I've earned is of no fault of my own but directly attributed to either the individuals that I have led or the leaders that I have sought to follow. I simply tried to 'stretch my shoes' so that the individual that replaces me will have to grow to fill my shoes."

Dr. Thomas brings the same leadership skills and traits to his fraternal organizations. He is a life member of the Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity Incorporated where he has held leadership positions on the local and state levels. He was elected (Imperial Outer Guard) to the Prince Hall Shriner's National Board of Elected Officers at its 2010 National Convention; thus, beginning a journey that has culminated with him leading the 25,000+ member organization. With each leadership position that he has held, he has utilized and managed the resources at his disposal to cultivate a commitment to community service and excellence within the organization.

Corey continues to give back to various communities. He is truly a leader with a vision and purpose. His values and work ethics cultivated during his upbringing have not only opened doors for him, but he has ensured that they open doors for others as well. If asked what about his leadership style he will simply tell you, "I pull from my leadership toolbox using whatever skill or tool is necessary to achieve the desired results but always following my moral compass." This approach has obviously been successful given the admiration he has earned as a leader from his followers, and mentors.

Dr. Thomas is married to his college sweetheart Kimberly and is the proud father of one daughter Brittney.