

Cornell Thomas

Dr. Cornell Thomas is currently serving as a Professor for Educational Leadership at Texas Christian University. He is also a consultant for the Tom Joyner Foundation and serves as a mentor to selected principals within the Fort Worth Independent School district.

Prior to this position, he served as President for Jarvis Christian College. Cornell also served as the Systems Vice-President for Institutional Diversity at Oklahoma State University.

He joined the Texas Christian University faculty in 1990 as an assistant professor of educational foundations and administration. During this time, Dr. Thomas served as Associate Professor and Chair of Educational Foundations and Administration, Professor, and Professor and Special Assistant to the Chancellor for Diversity and Community. Prior to his career at TCU, Cornell spent four years as a principal with the Dallas Independent School district, two years as an assistant principal, and six years as a teacher.

Thomas received his bachelor's degree in music education from the University of Missouri, St Louis, his master's degree in music education from Jackson State University, and his Ed.D. in educational administration from Texas A&M University, Commerce.

In 1998, he received the Dean's Teaching Award at TCU, and in 2000 was named the recipient of the "Elizabeth Proffer Youngblood Award for Outstanding Contributions to Student Affairs." He serves on several community boards and committees, is the author of numerous refereed publications, book chapters, a book and other publications. Professor Thomas, a longtime member of the Educational Foundations Society and SOPHE, has presented papers at various national and regional conferences.

Cornell Thomas and his wife are the parents of three daughters, and have six grandchildren.