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DR. OTIS THOMAS RECEIVES MILTON WILSON AWARD



Otis A. Thomas, Ph.D., dean, Earl Graves School of Business and Management, was awarded the Milton Wilson Award at the 8th Annual National HBCU Business Schools Deans' Roundtable Summit, held in Houston, Texas on Friday June 4, 2010. The award was presented by Barron H. Harvey, Ph.D., Dean, Howard University School of Business and current president of the National HBCU Business School Deans' Roundtable, an organization dedicated to advancing management education in member schools..

The Milton Wilson Award is presented to a past or present Business School dean in recognition of leadership, service, and commitment to the academic profession. This award is given in honor of Dr. Milton Wilson, who was among the nation's first 100 African American CPAs, and the first African American CPA in the state of Texas. Dr. Wilson was also one of the first seven African Americans to earn a doctoral degree in accounting. At the time of his passing in 2003, Dr. Wilson was Dean Emeritus at Howard University.

The 8th recipient of this prestigious award, Dr. Otis A. Thomas, has served in the role of dean at Morgan State since 1988 and was named Dean of the Year for the 2009-10 academic year. His educational background encompasses a Bachelor of Science degree in Mathematics from Indiana University and a Ph.D. in Technology of Management from American University. Before his tenure at Morgan, he was employed at Howard University's School of Business.

Dr. Thomas has been actively involved in professional associations, having served on the Board of Directors of The Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business (AACSB) International, the premier accrediting association for collegiate schools of business. He has worked as mentor and advisor for several business schools and has served on Peer Review Teams as a member and chairperson. Dr. Thomas served on a number of AACSB committees, including the Maintenance of Accreditation and Accreditation Quality.

Dr. Thomas also served as a member of the board of Governors of Beta Gamma Sigma, the international honor society for schools of business. He was also the Chair of the Awards and Recognition program. In addition to his professional activities with AACSB and Beta Gamma Sigma, He served as a consultant on issues of higher education for the states of Georgia, Virginia, and Louisiana. He is a past president of the HBCU Deans' Roundtable. Dr. Thomas also serves as chairman of the Management Education Alliance (MEA), a consortium of twelve minority business schools, five corporations and six majority business schools.

Past recipients of the Milton Wilson Award include: Quiester Craig (North Carolina A&T), Edward Irons (Clark Atlanta), Sybil Mobley (Florida A&M), Willis B. Sheaftall Jr. (Morehouse), Percy Vaughn (Alabama A&M), Milton Wilson (Howard University)

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