

DR. HERB THOMAS

Dr. Herb Thomas, Jr. is an inspiring educator and entrepreneur whose journey is fueled by his deep faith and a mission to guide others toward their life's purpose. With a foundational education from Alabama State University and a Ph.D. from the University of Missouri-Columbia, Herb has significantly influenced various academic and ministry settings with his leadership. With over 25 years in higher education administration and mentoring, he remains dedicated to nurturing students, guiding them to excel as leaders in their professional fields, communities, and personal lives.

Herb is also a published author with works like *Bumping Dots: The Art of Serendipitous Encounters* and *The LEGACY Blueprint: One Family's Guide to Success*. These publications reflect his commitment to educational excellence and his efforts to support the intricate web connecting students, parents, teachers, and communities. His advocacy underscores the power of education to transform lives and build bridges between diverse groups.

Herb has a rich history of training leaders across a spectrum of domains, leveraging his deep understanding of education, leadership, and personal development. His latest focus highlights serendipity and the art of benefiting from our daily connections. Herb teaches that our seemingly random encounters and moments are not merely coincidences but opportunities ripe with potential. Through his workshops and seminars, he equips leaders with the skills to recognize, appreciate, and harness these serendipitous connections, transforming them into meaningful relationships and strategic advantages. By embracing the unexpected and finding value in every interaction, Herb's teachings encourage leaders to cultivate a mindset that not only anticipates but also capitalizes on the serendipity in their daily lives, fostering growth, innovation, and stronger networks.

Outside his professional life, Herb finds joy in travel and reading, avenues through which he gathers fresh perspectives and insights. He uses this quest for knowledge as a tool to empower and inspire leaders with the resources to thrive. His passion for sports, especially softball, showcases his belief in teamwork and the spirit of healthy competition, reinforcing the values of camaraderie and persistence.

Family plays a central role in Herb's life. He and his wife, Dr. Christine C. Thomas, as well as their two daughters, Dr. Ashley and Duchess Kimberly, share a deep commitment to education, faith, and service. Together, they produce *LEGACY eMagazine*, a monthly publication that celebrates the stories of global entrepreneurs and leaders, further contributing to their legacy of influence and inspiration.