

## Taylor takes helm of Thurgood Marshall College Fund

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Charlotte, NC attorney Johnny C. Taylor, Jr., will lead the 23 year old Thurgood Marshall College Fund (TMCF), James Clifton, Fund board chair, and Dr. N. Joyce Payne, Fund founder announced this week.

Clifton and Payne said, "Taylor exemplifies the kind of transformative leadership, strategic acumen and fundraising skills needed to move the fund to a new level of national prominence and a new era of innovation."

Taylor was InterActiveCorp (IAC) Senior Vice President of Human Resources and served as President and CEO of IAC's identity search engine, RushmoreDrive.com.

Before joining IAC, he was a Partner in the McGuire Woods law firm and President of that firm's HR consulting business; General Counsel and Corporate Secretary for Compass Group USA; and has held several senior human resources and legal executive roles with Viacom subsidiaries, Blockbuster Entertainment and Paramount Pictures.

Taylor served as the Chairman of the Society for Human Resources Management (SHRM), one of the world's largest membership organizations with nearly 230,000 members in over 100 countries. At SHRM, he oversaw a 300+ employee organization with \$100 million + annual revenues, served as the chief board spokesman and traveled the world as the official "face and voice" of the profession giving as many as 38 keynote speeches per year.

Taylor served on the Board of Trustees of Johnson C. Smith University and Drake University, the University of Miami's President's Council and the Board of Visitors of Queen's University.

"I could not be more excited about the opportunity to lead the nation's pre-eminent organization committed to preparing the best and brightest leaders from our nation's public historically Black colleges and universities. I will work tirelessly alongside the presidents of our 47 member institutions, our incredibly committed corporate and governmental partners, and hard-working and talented TMCF Board of Directors and Staff to build upon the legacy of Justice Thurgood Marshall," Taylor said. "I am humbled by this awesome challenge, responsibility and opportunity."

Taylor received his Bachelor of Science in Communication, with general honors, from the University of Miami, Master of Arts in Mass Communication with honors, from Drake University; and Doctor of Jurisprudence with honors, from the Drake University Law School, where he served as Research Editor of the Drake Law Review and argued on the National Moot Court Team. He is a member of the Florida, Illinois and Washington, D.C. bars, and holds a Senior Professional in Human Resources (SPHR) certification.

The Thurgood Marshall College Fund, Inc., named for the late U.S. Supreme Court Associate Justice, was established in 1987 and represents 47 public Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs) and 6 law schools located in 22 states and the US Virgin Islands with a population of over 235,000 students.

Over the last 23 years, TMCF has awarded more than \$100 million in leadership development,

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programmatic and capacity support, and scholarships enabling more than 12,000 students to attend public HBCUs. It is the only national organization of its type that provides merit-based scholarships and programmatic support to students attending the nation's public HBCUs.

TMCF also provides internship programs and joins corporate and foundation partners in providing leadership training and support to students preparing for undergraduate and professional schools. TMCF is a 501(c) (3), tax-exempt organization.