

Mayor Allen M. Thomas

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Mayor Allen Thomas has a long history of service in Greenville and North Carolina. As a college student 27 years ago at East Carolina University, he recognized a lack of access to scholarship opportunities for underprivileged students in the east. He successfully petitioned the Council of Governments for funding and authored the Eastern North Carolina Source Guide to Scholarships and Grants which was published for several years and sent to high school students across the state. As an undergraduate, he was elected as Student Body President at East Carolina University and worked as a liaison for the university with then-Mayor Nancy Jenkins and the Greenville City Council. Thomas received his undergraduate degree in Business Management from East Carolina University as well as his Master's Degree in Business from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.



Upon completing his studies, Thomas volunteered to work for Governor Jim Hunt in the state capital in Raleigh and was subsequently hired to work in the Department of Commerce recruiting business and industry to the state of North Carolina.

After returning and completing graduate studies at UNC-Chapel Hill, he was hired by Jefferson-Pilot Communications (JP) in Charlotte, North Carolina where in the mid-90's he brokered with Broadcast.com CEO Mark Cuban to create and launch JP's first interactive website "JPSports.com", bringing live football and basketball games from the SEC and ACC to the internet.

With the rise of mobile technology, Thomas started his own company. He partnered with a fellow East Carolina graduate to form IQMax Healthcare Technologies - the first platform which allowed doctors and medical professionals to securely manage their medical workflow linking multiple facilities from their mobile devices and smart phones. They built their company from one client in North Carolina in 1998, to over 160 medical facilities in 36 states.

For Thomas, the path to leadership in Greenville began in 2003. During the legislative fight for funding from the North Carolina State Legislature, he was hired as a consultant by East Carolina University where he developed and created the "Purple Alert" system. This system organized thousands of East Carolina University alumni from across North Carolina to lobby their local senators and representatives to vote for the funding for the East Carolina Heart Institute in 2004. The Heart Hospital now stands at Vidant Medical Center in Greenville. This effort energized Allen to get more involved locally. He was appointed to the Greenville Board of

Adjustment and then the Greenville Planning & Zoning Commission where he was elected Chairman.

In 2011, Thomas ran and was elected Mayor of the City of Greenville. Thomas has served for two terms as Mayor of Greenville, overseeing a period of significant growth and progress in this city.

Over the years, Thomas has served on the East Carolina Board of Trustees, Board of Visitors and currently on the ECU Alumni Board. He was appointed by Governor Mike Easley to the North Carolina Senior Advisory Council for Economic Development. He was appointed as Commissioner by Governor Beverly Perdue to the 3-person panel overseeing the North Carolina Alcoholic Beverage Commission. Thomas currently serves on the Executive Council of Metro Mayors, an organization for the largest cities in North Carolina.

Thomas states that his proudest accomplishments and his most important roles are husband to his lovely wife Janet, and proud father to his girls, Ava and Holly, and his son, Chase.