



DR. ALLEN J. SINGLETON

Distinguished Educator • Philanthropist • UMES Alumnus

Dr. Allen J. Singleton is a distinguished alumnus of the University of Maryland Eastern Shore, Class of 1959, whose lifelong commitment to education, leadership, and philanthropy has left an enduring legacy. A first-generation college graduate, Dr. Singleton earned his bachelor's degree from then-Maryland State College, where he was part of the historic class that witnessed Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. deliver their commencement address. He later received advanced degrees from Teachers College, Columbia University.

With over five decades of service in education, Dr. Singleton has held positions as a K–12 teacher, principal, department chair, academic dean, and senior administrator in higher education. Beyond academia, he pursued entrepreneurial ventures in New Jersey and became a respected advocate for community development and student success.

A devoted benefactor of his alma mater, Dr. Singleton is one of UMES's most generous alumni donors. His contributions—including a historic \$355,000 gift—have played a significant role in growing the university's endowment and supporting scholarship initiatives. In recognition of his profound impact, UMES awarded him an honorary Doctor of Humane Letters in 2023. Dr. Singleton is also the author of *Making Dreams Reality: The Dreamer*, a memoir chronicling his journey from humble beginnings to becoming a trailblazer in education and philanthropy. His story inspires current and future generations to pursue excellence and give back to the communities that shape them.

