



JOSEPH MERKERSON, II

Mr. Joseph Merkerson II is a 2006 graduate of Alabama A&M University, where he earned his Bachelor of Science degree in Mechanical Engineering and his Master of Engineering in Material Engineering in 2011.

Born and raised in Irondale, Alabama outside of Birmingham, Alabama by his parents Barbara (Gibbons) Merkerson AAMU class of 1974, and late father, Joseph Merkerson, AAMU class of 1973, with siblings Briana Merkerson and Brian Merkerson. He attended Shades Valley High School where he was active in many organizations. His parents believed in personal responsibility to keep your eye on the goal and never get discourage.

He has dedicated over 10 years professionally working at with the F-35 (JSF) Joint Strike Fighter Program at Lockheed Martin Aeronautics Company located in Fort Worth, Texas. He is financially active with LM Aero National Society of Black Engineers (NSBE) Professionals chapter and once served on the Executive Board for multiple years.

Throughout his years at Alabama A&M University, he continued to be an active student. Member of Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Incorporated, Gamma Epsilon Chapter, member of the AAMU Marching Maroon and White "Showband of the South," and Eta Kappa Tau Engineering and Technology Fraternity, Alpha Chapter. He is the current Vice-President of the Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc., Alpha Theta Sigma Chapter of Fort Worth. In 2020, he was awarded the "Sigma Man of the Year."

He is also a Free & Accepted Mason of Central Lodge #1, Indianapolis, Indiana.

Joseph is an active member in the Alumni Association as he served on the Executive Board with the Alumni Association and Chairman of the Council of Presidents. He is also the co-chair of the Communication/Publication committee. He works with the technology committee for the Alumni Association for our frequent "Tech Talk" improving our communication tools with our Alumni. He has been instrumental in bridging the gap between our university departments and our Alumni Association such as Admission, Alumni Recruitment, Career Development Services, and Athletics. He continues to publicize communication through various social media platforms alongside our Publication / Technology committees.

He is a member of the AAMU Band Boosters Association, Incorporated, where he serves as the executive board member as logistics manager with publicizing and communication with our AAMU Marching Maroon and White staff.

He is the current President of the Dallas / Fort Worth Alumni Association and serves on the HBCU Council of Chapter Presidents.