



**Dr. Melvin N. Johnson**  
**President**  
**2005-2010**

Melvin N. Johnson began his tenure as the seventh president of Tennessee State University on June 1, 2005.

Johnson served as Provost and Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs and tenured professor of economics at Winston-Salem State University (WSSU). Prior his appointment at WSSU,

Johnson served in senior academic roles at North Carolina A&T State University. Additionally,

he was a lecturer on business and economic policy for the University of Maryland, European

Division, in Germany. He taught at the U.S. Air Force Academy and completed a distinguished military career as a lieutenant colonel.

Johnson has been a Kellogg Leadership Fellow (National Association for Equal Opportunity in

Higher Education), Senior Fellow of Future Focus 2020 (Babcock Graduate School of

Management, Wake Forest University), a Millennium Leadership Institute Protégé (American

Association of State Colleges and Universities), Nissan Fellow (UCLA), and an American

Banking Association Ayres Fellow (Stonier Graduate School of Banking, University of

Delaware). He completed the New President's Academy (AASCU) and completed the Executive Leadership Summit (Hampton University). He has also completed Leadership Nashville (2005-06), Leadership Winston-Salem, and the Triad Leadership Network. Aside from his fellowships, his honors include The Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi, Golden Key Honor Society; Kappa Delta Pi Honor Society, Education ; Alpha Sigma Lambda Honor Society; Beta Gamma Sigma International Honor Society, Business and Management; Omicron Delta Epsilon, International Honor Society in Economics; Who's Who Among America's Teachers, and Outstanding Young Men of America.