



WALTER W. WOODS

A higher education leader, community strategist, and organizational development professional with over three decades of service, leadership, and civic engagement. A proud 1991 graduate of the University of Maryland Eastern Shore (UMES), Walter earned a Bachelor of Arts in History and went on to complete a Master of Arts in Organizational Management. He is currently pursuing a Ph.D. in Education with a concentration in Higher Education Leadership and Policy.

Walter's diverse career reflects his unwavering commitment to service and strategic leadership. He is a former officer in the U.S. Army and has held key senior leadership roles with Scouting America (formerly the Boy Scouts of America), the YMCA, and the YWCA. His professional journey is marked by a consistent focus on building seamless, collaborative, and efficient organizations, leveraging systems analysis and process reengineering to create structure and clarity in complex environments.

At present, Walter serves as the Coordinator for Outreach and Strategic Initiatives at UMES. In this role, he acts as the university's primary liaison for community engagement across Maryland's Eastern Shore, the Eastern Shore of Virginia, and Delaware. He works closely with local governments, businesses, and nonprofits to cultivate partnerships that strengthen UMES's presence and impact in the region. His role also supports university-wide engagement strategies with students, alumni, faculty, parents, and community stakeholders.

As part of his commitment to improving the community, he serves as the President of Main Street Princess Anne, a non-profit organization focused on downtown revitalization through historic preservation and economic development, where he is focused on improving organizational structure, advancing strategic processes, and expanding the program's impact within the broader Main Street Maryland framework.

Walter's deep-rooted dedication to service is equally reflected in his lifelong commitment to Scouting. Earning his Eagle Scout in 1985, he has been a professional and a long-time volunteer





with Scouting America for more than 30 years, earning Brotherhood membership in the Order of the Arrow, completing Wood Badge, and serving on Wood Badge course staff. In 2025, he was honored with the Alpha Good Turn Award by Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc., recognizing his work in bridging the missions of Alpha and Scouting to broaden their collective impact. Walter also serves on the Board of Directors for the International Town & Gown Association, where he champions the importance of campus-community collaboration. A proud advocate for his alma mater, he regularly speaks to students, alumni, and faculty about the importance of supporting UMES through Time, Talent, and Treasure.

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