

HALL OF ACHIEVEMENT

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Dr. Jame'l R. Hodges

Class of 1992

Jame'l has many fond memories of attending the Copiague Schools. They include his Kindergarten teacher Ms. Lutwin; interacting with peers who became lifelong friends and the amazing feeling of victory and unity when running track and field in which Jame'l was a state qualifier and ran in the Penn Relays under the tutelage of Mr. Curry. Jame'l served on the yearbook committee and enjoyed many POPs Concerts. Copiague School District introduced Jame'l to the real world going to school with students with international and domestically diverse backgrounds.

Jame'l graduated from Virginia State University in 1997 with a BA; received a Master of Science from Florida State University in Higher Education Administration with a minor in Counseling; and graduated with his Doctorate in Higher Education Administration from the University of Southern California.

He has distinguished himself in his career as an expert in African American male success as it relates to college readiness, retention and graduation rates. He has been featured in several professional journals and most recently was named on the advisory board for the National Boys Initiative Minority Youth 2050 Steering Committee.

Jame'l presents leadership programs and workshops at local, national and regional conferences. He was named Rookie of the Year within the Division of Student Affairs at Cal Poly Pomona, and was a recipient of the Amelia Hammond Staff Council Scholarship in 2009. He served for many years as a mentor and judge in the Long Beach, California ACTSO; has provided fitness training through his Hip-Hop Cardio class, is an active member of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc., and has given back to the dance school he attended as a child, Venettes Cultural Workshop. Jame'l has provided educational materials for College Day at Copiague Schools.

As the Director of Student Activities within the Division of Student Affairs at Tennessee State University, Jame'l oversees educational, social and philanthropic programming; leadership development and assessment for over 8,000 students. He has even created his own leadership development curriculum, all while being an active father to his son, Jaelon Rashad Hodges.

“The Greatest Glory in Living Lies Not in Never Falling, But in Rising Every Time We Fall.”