



André Thornton Jr.

Vice President, Corporate Services

André Thornton Jr. is Vice President of Corporate Services. In this role, Thornton oversees the Information Technology & Marketing departments. Previously, Thornton headed the branded merchandise division at ASW, handling business development, vendor management, and client relations.



André's prior experience includes a career in healthcare as the Director of Managed Care and Marketing for Lawndale Christian Health Center, a multi-site Federally Qualified Health Center. In that position, he oversaw a budget of \$6 million and led the strategic implementation and execution of the managed care and marketing departments. Before entering the healthcare industry, Thornton was the Community Relations Manager for the Tampa Bay Buccaneers where he assisted in developing the department and successfully rebuilt the image of the organization within the community.

Thornton graduated from the University of Illinois Champaign-Urbana with a Bachelor of Science degree in Kinesiology in 1996 and received a Master of Public Health degree in 2002 from the University of Illinois-Chicago. In 2008, he received a Master of Business Administration with honors from the Keller School of Management. In 2009, Thornton attended the Tuck School of Business at Dartmouth College Executive Education Series: "Growing the Minority Business to Scale" and he authored an article entitled, "A Brief Glimpse into Tuck Executive Education: Growing the Minority Business to Scale", which was published in the Tuck African Ancestry Business Association newsletter.

André's dedication to the community and his profession includes serving on several organizational boards. Currently, he serves on The Mobley Foundation board. Thornton's term with the City of Akron's Bicentennial Commission, which included serving on the Executive Board of Akron200, ended at the end of 2025.

Thornton is a past board member of the County of Summit ADM, as well as First Glance. He served previously on the Alumni Board of Trustees for the Greater Akron Musical Association (Akron Symphony). Thornton is a graduate of the Leadership Akron's Class of 31.