

Alfonso N. Cornish

Alfonso N. Cornish is Chief Operating Officer for Closing the Gap Consulting, LLC; an organization that works to assist organizations in creating healthy workplace cultures.

Mr. Cornish is the former System Vice President, Learning and Organizational Development/Chief Learning Officer for Norton Healthcare. He was responsible for the leadership of Norton University. Norton University was responsible for the staff, physician, leadership, and executive development programs as well as e-learning offerings. In addition, he was responsible for media services and diversity and inclusion.

Mr. Cornish has over forty years' experience in administrative, training, human resource, and operations management. He has been in senior leadership roles in some of the most well-known companies in America including AMF Bowling Worldwide, Inc., Central Parking Systems Inc., 7-Eleven Food Stores, Inc., and Hardee's Food Systems. Prior to joining Norton Healthcare, he served as Deputy Chief Administrative Officer for Prince George's County, Maryland.

A graduate of Cambridge Senior High School in Maryland, Mr. Cornish is a Cum Laude graduate of the University of Maryland and holds a Master of Science in Human Resource Management (Summa Cum Laude) from Lacrosse University.

He is the recipient of numerous awards and honors, 2019 George Merrifield Legacy Award for contribution to philanthropy; 2019 Lifetime Achievement Award, Theta Omega Chapter, Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc., 2017 Louisville Business First 'People to Know In Healthcare,' 2012 Fifth District (Kentucky & Tennessee) Founders' Award; 2018 & 2012 Founders' Award Founders' Award, Theta Omega Chapter of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc.; 2009 was named one of 117 Connectors in metro Louisville and Southern Indiana -'Connectors' are successful in getting things done because of their distinctive style of "trusted leadership;" 2009 Robert C. Burks Distinguished Leadership Award, 2009 Fifth District (Kentucky & Tennessee) of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity Inc. Founders' Award; 2009 Campbellsville University Leadership Award for his national, state and local leadership in the field of healthcare; 2009 Chestnut Street YMCA Black Achievers Award; 2009 induction into the University of Maryland Alumni Association Hall of Excellence in the areas of Business and Professional Accomplishments; appointed in 2008 a Kentucky Colonel by Governor Steve Beshear in recognition of his commitment to community work; 2012, 2010, 2009, 2008 & 2007 Who's Who in Black Louisville; 2008 Founders' Award, Theta Omega Chapter of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc.; 2007 Theta Omega Chapter of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc.'s Man of the Year; 2006 Maryland Governor Citation for contributions to the County and State; 2005 Founder's Award, Tau Pi Chapter Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc.; 2004 Boy Scouts of America's Good Scout Award; 2004 Businessman of the Year, Tau Pi Chapter of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc.; 2001 Induction into the University of Maryland Chapter of Sigma Beta Delta National Honor Society in recognition of distinction in business, management, and administration; 1997 Resolutions from the Governor of Maryland, the Maryland Senate and House for contributions to the County and State; 1993 Award of Excellence

from the Governor of Maryland; 1993 NAFEO Distinguished Alumni Award - University of Maryland; 1990 Prince Georgian of the Year Nominee; 1990 Man of the Year, Prince George's County, Maryland Chapter, Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc.; 1990 Who's Who Among Rising Young Americans; 1990 Southland Corporation Outstanding Leadership Award; 1988 "Neighbor of the Week" Prince George's Post Newspaper; 1988 and 1987 Outstanding Young Men in America; 1986 Harlem YMCA National Black Achievers in Industry Award; 1985 Metropolitan Washington DC Minority Trade Association Business Award, and the 1983 Southland Corporation Eagle Award.

An active participant in his community, Mr. Cornish holds membership in several professional and social organizations, including the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. (Theta Omega Chapter); Life Member, Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc.; Sigma Pi Phi Fraternity, Inc.; 100 Black Men of Louisville; Louisville Branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP); Associate Member, Leadership Louisville Center; University of Maryland and Lacrosse University's National Alumni Associations and Ye'Ole Esquire Club.

He serves on numerous boards including the Bates Community Development Corporation; Boy Scouts of America Lincoln Heritage Council; Campbellsville University Louisville Campus; Dare to Care Food Bank; Family Scholar House; The Healing Place; Jefferson County Public Schools Foundation, Kentucky Derby Festival; Louisville Urban League Guild; Prichard Committee for Academic Excellence; Simmons College of Kentucky; Spalding University; University of Louisville; University of Louisville Foundation; University System of Maryland Foundation and Volunteers of America (National).

Mr. Cornish is married to Dr. Yvonne D. Austin-Cornish. He has a son, Alfonso II (and his family, one child) who reside in Minneapolis, MN; a step son, Kenneth Austin (and his family - wife and four children) who reside in Atlanta, GA and one step daughter, Victorea Austin-Sampson (and her family - husband and two children) who reside in Raleigh, NC.