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Dr. Alton Thompson, Provost, Delaware State University

• Dr. Alton Thompson currently serves as provost and vice president for Academic Affairs at Delaware State University and prior to this held the same position at North Carolina A&T State University in an interim position. He served for many years as Dean, Research Professor, and Department Chair at the latter institution in the food and agricultural sciences. He has served the land-grant community and what was then called CSREES in numerous ways including panel chair for the education portfolio, and panelist for both NASS and ERS reviews. He provided leadership for several state and national conferences and has been a sought-after speaker. He served as the ARD chair among other ARD offices and leadership positions, served on the BAA Policy Board of Directors, and served three years on the NAREE Board. He has been an editor and served on the editorial boards of two refereed journals and a consultant/reviewer for several small business innovation research initiatives. Dr. Thompson received a SAES Leadership Award from the USDA as far back as 1991 and remains a dedicated champion for land-grant university initiatives.