

# William Patterson



## Class of 1991

- Graduated from Lumen Christi High School in 1989
- Earned an associate degree in science from JCC in 1991 while working part-time in the circulation department at the Jackson Citizen Patriot
- Graduated from Eastern Michigan University majoring in history and African-American Studies with a minor in mathematics. Certified to teach history and mathematics. Worked at the Ann Arbor News as an assistant district manager in the circulation department
- Student taught at the Middle School at Parkside and was hired for a mathematics position
- Completed a masters degree in education at Spring Arbor University
- Hired as assistant principal at Hunt Elementary in November, 2000
- Assigned as the building principal at Wilson Elementary in September, 2001
- Assigned as the associate principal at the Middle School at Parkside in June, 2003. Was appointed to principal for instruction in August 2008
- Currently awaiting acceptance into the K-12 educational administration doctoral program at Michigan State University
- Married to Terri Patterson, with children Danielle, 18, Kobe, 11, and Taylor, 2

## William's Mantra

*"Life is 10 percent what happens to you and 90 percent how you react to it. We are in charge of our attitudes, thus, in control of our lives. The best way for me to be successful in life... is to create it!"*