

# CHICAGO STATE UNIVERSITY

## Celebrating our Own—Lessons from Leaders

Chicago State University has amongst its alumni successful individuals who currently have, or have held, top leadership positions in many, different industries.

The **Celebrating our Own—Lessons from Leaders Series** has the goal of connecting these alumni—who are excited about the opportunity to do so—first to CSU students, and second to faculty, staff and administrators.

This connection will provide CSU students with concrete, “real world” examples and perspectives from leaders who know how to navigate the paths to successful careers. For some students, the connection will result in the forging of invaluable mentorships. For others, it will result in students gaining critical information that will have lifelong value.

**Mr. Anthony (Tony) K. Anderson ('77), Vice Chair and Midwest Managing Partner**, Ernst & Young, was the first speaker of the Series.

The CSU Foundation and Office of Alumni Affairs will collaborate to bring to Chicago State University, distinguished graduates from all CSU Colleges. Their paths and experiences will be different, but they will all share common factors—success is one of them.

The information shared via the **Celebrating our Own—Lessons from Leaders Series** will undoubtedly be useful to all CSU students, regardless of their majors. Always strive for excellence.



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## John T. Hooker Day

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Thursday, October 22, 2009

11 a.m.—12:15 p.m.

## Program

### Welcome

Ms. Dana London  
CSU Alumna and Executive Director  
Transition Teams

### Opening remarks

Dr. Wayne D. Watson  
President, Chicago State University

Mr. Cordell Reed  
Chairman, CSU Foundation Board of Directors

### Dialogue

Mr. John T. Hooker & Ms. Dana London

### Q&A

Open to all

## Bios

**John T. Hooker**, executive vice president, Legislative and External Affairs at ComEd, is responsible for managing state legislative initiatives, as well as developing and maintaining strategic relationships with key state stakeholders and large customers. Hooker also oversees the functions of Real Estate and Facilities and Economic Development.

Hooker has served in numerous positions during his 42 years at ComEd. This includes senior vice president of Legislative & Governmental Affairs; vice president, Property Management, Exelon Energy Delivery; and management roles in industrial relations, marketing, governmental, and regulatory affairs. His expertise was instrumental to the passage of Illinois' Customer Choice Law of 1997.

Hooker is a founding member of the Exelon African American Members' Association. Founded in 1990, the organization focuses on building members' individual growth opportunities within the company.

Hooker serves on the board of directors of the Chicago State University Foundation, Peoples Consumer Cooperative, the Safer Foundation and The African American Legacy Initiative. He is a member of the American Association of Blacks in Energy, an organization devoted to increasing the number of blacks and other minorities in energy-related fields, serves on Chicago State University's Business Hall of Fame committee, and is involved with the Chicago Public Schools Youth Motivation Program.

Hooker holds a bachelor's degree with a concentration in marketing from Chicago State University. He is married with grown children.

**Dana London** earned a nontraditional degree with a concentration in finance from the Board of Governors Program at Chicago State University.

A pioneer "Life Coach," Ms. London is the founder and executive director of *Transition Teams*, a non-profit entity that addresses the educational and personal development of entertainers, professional athletes and industry leaders. She has appeared on programs including *The Oprah Winfrey Show* and has inspired and assisted more than 1,000 clients with earning nontraditional degrees. A noted motivational speaker, Ms. London has spoken across the country to young people aspiring to enter the entertainment industry about the importance of balance in their life plans, in and out of the spotlight.

