

2002 Hall of Fame Inductee

Anthony “Tony” Thompson

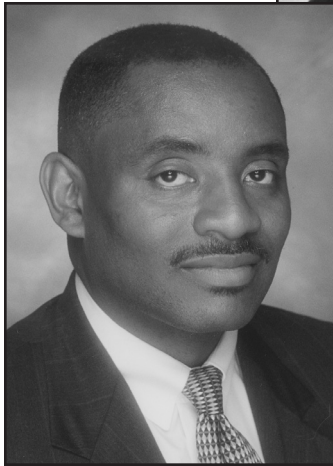
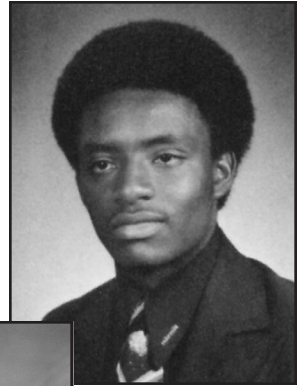
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Once an up and coming jazz pianist, Anthony “Tony” Thompson changed his tune and decided to pursue a degree in architectural engineering. Today, Thompson is the president of the Kwame Building Group, a certified minority-owned business which operates in Orlando and Jacksonville, Florida, as well as in St. Louis. Founded in 1991, the Kwame Building Group has grown from four employees to 80 in its 11 years of existence.

From education facilities to airports, hospitals, and government buildings, Kwame has done work for such projects as the Lambert-St. Louis

International Airport East Terminal Expansion, Orlando International Airport Expansion, San Diego Airport Expansion, Barnes Jewish Hospital, Children’s Hospital Expansion, I-70 Missouri River Bridge Crossing, Thomas F. Eagleton United States Courthouse, St. Louis Public Schools Capital Improvement Program, and Orange County Public Schools in Orlando.

Thompson and his company received the 2001 Keystone Award for Community Involvement from the Associated General Contractors of St. Louis, has been named one of the top 100 leaders to watch in 2002 by the *St. Louis Business Journal*, and was named “Emerging Company of the Year” by *Black Enterprise*. In addition to his role as president of a very successful company, Thompson serves on the boards of Barnes-Jewish Hospital, United Way, FOCUS St. Louis, Annie Malone Children’s Home, Black Leadership Roundtable, and the William L. Clay Scholarship Fund. He has also established several scholarship funds for minority students.



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