

## The Theresa and Allen Thomas Education Fund



**Theresa and Allen** are both graduates of Cornell University. Theresa was born and raised in Niagara Falls, New York and graduated from the veterinary school at Cornell in 1985 with a Doctor of Veterinary Medicine Degree. She also attended Cornell University for her undergraduate studies. From there she had various positions in Niagara Falls, New York City, New Jersey and Pennsylvania where she practiced small animal medicine. She retired from practicing in 1998 when they moved to the Maryland area. Allen was born and raised in Brooklyn, New York and graduated from Cornell University in 1979 and then attended Columbia University School of Business from which he graduated with a Master of Business Administration Degree in 1982. Allen held various local and national roles at the US Member Firm of Deloitte. He started in the Deloitte New York office in their auditing department, became a partner there in 1993, and ultimately had various national leadership roles including Central Atlantic Managing Partner, National Managing Partner of Partner Services and National Managing Partner of Diversity. He retired from Deloitte in 2009.

**Theresa and Allen** have enjoyed international travel since Allen's retirement and currently reside in Florida and also have a home in Maryland. They created the **Theresa and Allen Thomas Education Fund** in 2022 with the intended purpose of assisting, primarily, African Americans, but also Indigenous Peoples and other People of Color with the ever-rising cost of funding education.

Over a period of roughly 10 years, Theresa and Allen intend to donate \$1,000,000 to POISE to support their education fund.