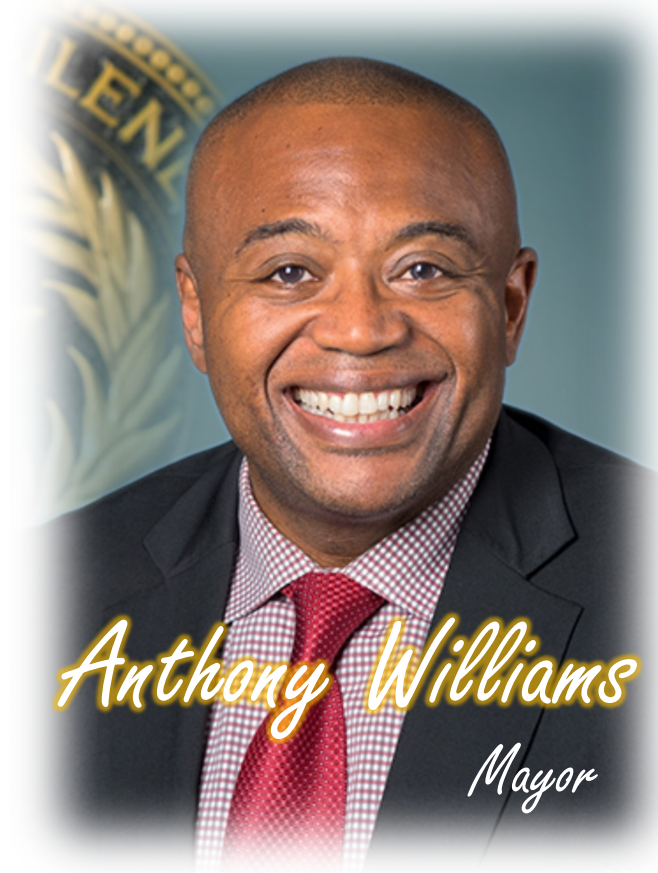


CONNECTING



Anthony Williams
Mayor

WHAT CAN I DO TO GET MY FAMILY MORE INVOLVED IN THE COMMUNITY?

"First of all, our families should be more engaged in the community, and looking for kingdom options. I think a great way to serve is to sign up or apply to serve on boards and committee's...these are the lifeblood of minimal infrastructure.

WHO CAN I CONTACT FOR MORE INFO?

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Office of Neighborhood Services



I was born and raised here, in Abilene. The most notable event of my childhood, was my father's murder, which put me at risk. I was at risk for lots of reasons, at risk from many factors. One of the most important risks I faced after the loss of my father was the risk of running afoul of the law. Like a lot of single moms, my mother, had to work hard just to keep us kids fed and clothed and having a safe place to stay that there wasn't a lot of time left over for handing out warm fuzzies. So, like a lot of young kids with overworked moms, I was left on my own a lot of the time. And you know what can happen in that sort of situation: a bunch of kids get together and sometimes make choices that can get them in trouble.

Pretty soon, I realized there were two ways I could go. I could follow the track being taken by some of my friends: the path of gangs and booze and drugs and developing a reputation as a bad brother. Or, I could do the more difficult thing and try to stay on a different path, a more positive path.

I decided to do my best to stay clean. I got a job working at Payless Cashways Lumber, a job I kept all the way through high school and college. In fact, I was fortunate enough to be promoted up from working out on the lumber yard to my final position as sales manager at the Wichita Falls store. Now, there were times when it wasn't easy, working and going to school at the same time. There were plenty of days when it would have felt real good to sleep through an early class, or else call in sick and not show up for work. But then I got to thinking about some of the kids I grew up with, kids my age who had already done jail time—some of them even in prison. I thought about my buddy Tim, who grew up in the same streets I did, but who spent more time behind bars than he did in school. And I went ahead and got up and went to class. I went to work.

It was hard, but it was worth it. I was able to graduate from McMurry University and move up in the company, as I already said. And a few years later, I had the blessing of being able to come back to Abilene to work for Abilene Christian University. I became active on a number of boards and committees, and eventually had a successful run for a city council seat, where I've served for 15 years- and I'm now serving as the mayor.

GOALS FOR ABILENE

- To grow Abilene by creating a larger economy and a smaller City government
- Create a more friendly City Hall
- Develop better communication between City Government and its citizens
- Continue efforts to conserve water usage and look to secure further sources
- Promote equality and opportunity for all the people in the community
- To bring people together and look at things from a holistic point of view

PROFESSION

Advancement and Executive Community Relations
Officer
Abilene Christian University
ACU Box 29130
Abilene, Texas 79699

EDUCATION

B.S. McMurry University, 1993
Abilene High, 1987

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

- Board Member Community in Schools
- Commissioner West Texas Youth Football
Former
- Board Member Community Foundation of Abilene
- Executive Committee Member West Central Texas
Council of Governments
- President West Central Texas Council of Govern-
ment
- City of Abilene Mayor Pro Tempore
- Vice President Taylor County Republican Party
- Treasurer Taylor County Republican Party
- Board Representative Region VI Texas Municipal
League
- President Community in Schools

- Board Member Christian Homes
- Board Trustee McMurry University
- Vice President Region VI Texas Municipal
League
- Board Member ACU Credit Union
- Board Member American Red Cross of
Taylor County
- Committee Member Big Brothers Big Sis-
ters
- Volunteer Big Brothers Big Sisters
- President Abilene Human Relations Com-
mittee
- Director Abilene Late Night Basketball
- Elder, Minda Street Church of Christ
Sunday School Teacher

AWARDS

- 2013 Abilene Youth Sports Authority Vol-
unteer of the Year
- 2010 Black History Community Award
- 2010 N.A.S.W. (Taylor County) Elected
Official of the Year
- 2008 Abilene Reporter News Top Busi-
ness Professional under 40
- 2008 Abilene Christian University Unsung
Servant Award
- 2005 Big Brother of the Year
- 2000 Graduate Leadership Abilene
- 1994 Graduate Abilene Citizens Police
Academy
- 1994 Pride of Abilene Award

HOBBIES AND INTERESTS

Outdoor Activities
Reading
Youth Mentorship & Development

PERSONAL

Spouse: Lynette Williams
3 Children