

The President's Bio

The president of the Miles College Sports Hall of Fame is Jeffery Artis (2011). He is a native of York, Alabama and a 1983 graduate of Sumter County High School, where he lettered in football and basketball. He served as the captain of the football team during his junior and senior season. After graduation, he enrolled at Miles College where he served as freshman class president, junior class president, and president of the student government association his senior year. He lettered in football all four years and earned the team's highest GPA award for three years. He also was named to the all-conference teams in athletics and academics. He was an integral part of two intramural basketball team that won the league championships. He became an active member of Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc. during his junior year. He earned a B.A. degree in Political Science, earning the distinction of being the salutatorian for the class of 1987.

Jeffery served the community for more than 30 years as a devoted law enforcement official. He served as a support employee in the Birmingham and Memphis Divisions of the FBI and upon graduating from New Agent's Training he was assigned to the Jackson Division where he served until his retirement. Over the span of his career, President Artis (retired) investigated all manner of offenses to include organized crime, government fraud, drugs, violent crimes, child pornography, public corruption and civil rights violations.

For ten years he served as Applicant Coordinator/Recruiter for the FBI's Jackson Division. During his stint as a recruiter, he modernized the FBI's recruitment model. He initiated online recruitment advertisement, created television and radio ads, partnered with minority and faith-based organizations to increase minority hiring in the FBI. In addition to increasing the recruitment levels for agents and support staff, he also recruited and processed more interns during his ten-year assignment than any other recruiter in the FBI. SA Artis traveled the country helping other FBI recruiters in their communities to get individuals that were historically resistant to apply for positions with the bureau. He received numerous awards for his innovative recruitment techniques to include but not limited to twice being nominated for the FBI Director's Award. SA Artis was also assigned to the HUMINT (human intelligence) squad where he was responsible for recruiting individuals who could provide much needed intelligence to the FBI.

He also served as the Division's Crisis Negotiations Coordinator. His unique ability to put people at ease and intervene in difficult situations with an unbiased approach is what sets Jeffery apart from others.

For more than twenty years, Jeffery has trained and assisted local, state, federal, and international law enforcement agencies in crisis negotiations. One of the focus points has always been conflict resolution that benefits both law enforcement and the community they serve. His decisions and recommendations are centered on helping both parties effectively resolve the crisis. He shares his unique skills by providing training to local, state and federal law enforcement agencies as well as civic and social groups.

The trust bestowed upon him by his peers is exemplified by his selection to the FBI Director's Special Agent Advisory Committee's Executive board and utilization as a mediator. His forward thinking and sense of inclusion were on display when he assisted in developing the FBI's cultural diversity presentation and presented the material to local, state and national agencies to include all managers employed with the FBI. And serve on the Tougaloo College Board of Trustees.

President Artis and his wife Monica continue to serve their community. They purchased property in York, Alabama (Mr. Artis' hometown) and opened two businesses. They saw a need and instead of waiting for others, they took the initiative and moved forward. President Artis also, served as the president of the City of York's Industrial Development Board, and chair of the City of York's Christmas Parade Planning Committee.

President Artis is the proud father of Tiaudra and Tyler Artis, who are both graduates of HBCU's and the grandfather of Amery and Haisley Artis.

Below is just a sample of the accolades and accomplishments garnered by Mr. Artis.

- Executive Board Member of the FBI Director's Special Agent Advisory Committee.
- EEOC Mediator
- Member of the FBI's Critical Incident Negotiation Team
- Program Coordinator for the FBI Jackson Division's Crisis Negotiation Team
- Program Coordinator the FBI Jackson Division's Civil Rights Working Group
- Co-Chairman for the FBI Jackson Division's Diversity and Inclusion Program
- Chairman for the committee tasked with revising the FBI's Honor Internship Program