



Bert Wright

Position: President

Industry: Entrepreneurship

Graduating Class: 1999

Bert Wright calls himself a “Social Entrepreneur.” He has chosen to unplug from the corporate world and work for himself as a full service insurance agent. He provides coverage for life, health, auto, home and commercial needs. Bert believes that solving issues affecting our community requires an entrepreneurial approach. He has proven that it is possible to combine a passion for helping others while making money. Bert is a strong advocate of recycling dollars within the Black community. He is married to Xkizin Wright (c/o 2005) and has been an active member in the local community for several years. He has received numerous awards and recognition for his work.

During Bert’s tenure as a student at UCR, he was very active. He was initiated into Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. He served as secretary and president of the collegiate chapter. He was heavily involved in the African Student Alliance. Bert was one of the first residents of Pan African Theme Hall and eventually became the first male resident advisor. He played a role (alongside his classmate, Amber Wilton, c/o 1999) of the first Black Graduation ceremony held in the Humanities theater. Bert is a lifetime member of the Alumni Association and continues to stay connected to the campus through his involvement on the Grier Concerned Citizens Chancellor Advisory Committee and coming back to speak to the students throughout the year. This provides him an opportunity to influence the experience of Black faculty, staff and students.