

As an experienced entrepreneur and Certified Fund Raising Executive, Anthony has spent the last two-plus decades helping individuals unlock meaningful experiences in their lives. He has served as a major gift officer for the College of Liberal Arts & Sciences at the University of Illinois, the University of Illinois Foundation, and the University of Central Florida. In his roles, Anthony developed strategies and initiatives that resulted in philanthropic support of the three Universities in the Illinois System as well as managed a team for the largest college at UCF, the second-largest university in the country.

Anthony graduated with his B.A. in English from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign in 2002, and began a 15-year journey as an entrepreneur, opening and running no fewer than 5 regional restaurants. He served on the Regional Executive Board of Big Brothers Big Sisters from 2010 to 2015, raising funds for his local community. He also spent 5 years on the executive board of his local Greek Orthodox Church, and 2 years at the Kirby Medical Foundation Board. Anthony considers himself to be a lifelong learner, and has finished his College for Financial Planning coursework to sit for the CFP exam later on this year. He is the co-founder of the Cognitive Empowerment Consulting Group, LLC.