



# DEMONT EA THOMPSON



## Areas of Expertise:

- Equity in schools
- Supporting vulnerable student populations
- Youth leadership development
- Community building for educators
- Black student achievement

Demontea Thompson is a Compton native and the Executive Director of Together We Inspire, a Los Angeles-based nonprofit that improves educational and career outcomes for current and former foster youth. He is also a Ph.D. student at UCLA in the School of Education, Urban Schooling Division. His research explores how educational institutions can facilitate success for young boys and men of color, particularly those who have had interactions with the child welfare and justice system. Demontea is a slam poet and author of the inspirational autobiography, *Raised From Scratch*. As a TEDx Talk speaker and featured guest on the Kelly Clarkson Show for his community work, he focuses on putting research into practice. He received his master's degree in education from the University of Southern California and his undergraduate degree in business management from California State University, Northridge (CSUN). He is a board member of the CSUN Alumni Association.