

David Thomas

Thomas has been a staple of the Greater Lansing community since finishing his professional basketball career in 2009. Mr. Thomas is an Associate Partner at Podium Risk Management (PRM). PRM is a national planning practice specializing in Insurance Strategies for Active/Retired Athletes, C-Suite Executives, Business Owners & their companies. Mr. Thomas was previously the Director of Operations at Michigan State University for Hall of Fame Coach Tom Izzo and spent one year with MSU Women's Basketball Coach Suzy Merchant in the same role. Thomas spent two years working for Michigan State University Federal Credit Union, most recently as the Business Services Assistant Manager. Prior to that, Thomas was the owner and operator of Evergreen Car Wash & Detail in Lansing for four years.

From 2002-2015, Thomas founded, coordinated and managed the daily operations of the David Thomas Basketball Clinic. The camp, which reached over 300 athletes per year, was for both boys and girls ages 6-18. He is currently his son's 7<sup>th</sup> grade AAU basketball coach. Thomas was a board member of many local organizations, including the East Lansing Basketball Club, the Lauren Aitch Cancer Research Foundation, the Learn Live Lead Entrepreneurial Academy and the MSU Varsity S Club. He is currently on the boards of Child and Family Charities and E.W. Sparrow Hospital Association

Thomas spent nine seasons playing professionally in Australia, for the Melbourne Tigers (2001-08) and the Cairns Taipans (2008-09). While with Melbourne, the team won the 2005-06 and 2007-08 national championships. In addition, Thomas was a member of the Canadian National teams from 2000-08, including representing his home country at the 2002 World Championships.

Thomas graduated from MSU in 2001 with a degree in advertising. He lives in Haslett with his wife Toni, also a Michigan State graduate, and their three children, Kingston, Kennedy and Kobi.