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J. Everett Hilton<sup>1</sup> began his professional career as an architectural designer over 20yrs ago. Within that timeframe, he worked in the greater Akron and Cleveland areas on a plethora of projects including; The Rock and Roll Hall of Fame, The New Cleveland Browns Stadium, The Great Lakes Science Center, The Downtown Cleveland Public Library, Continental Airlines Concourses at Cleveland Hopkins International Airport and the Quicken Loans Arena, home of the Cleveland Cavaliers. Mr. Hilton then became an Assistant Professor and Coordinator of Architectural Design and Orientation at Kent State University's College of Architecture and Environmental Design. Over a seven-year span, his work was recognized in the form of multiple Outstanding Teaching Award nominations and extended beyond the classroom in contributions to collegiate student recruitment, advising, retention and diversity efforts. Mr. Hilton was then specially selected to spend two years working with Kent State University's Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost, as a special analyst and success solutions consultant. Recently, Mr. Hilton has been promoted to Senior Associate Vice President for University Relations. In this role, he develops and implements strategies for the university's marketing, media relations, government relations and regional development. He is second in charge of a mission-critical area that employs nearly 90 professionals and manages a multi-million dollar yearly budget. Mr. Hilton has continually augmented his professional career as a motivational speaker, an artist and by serving on numerous boards of directors for schools, universities, businesses, associations, foundations, and non-profit and community organizations, including his recent selection induction and graduation into the 27<sup>th</sup> class of Leadership Akron, and the Cambridge Who's Who Executive of the Year, all while also functioning as the Chief Executive Officer of two business enterprises. Among all this, Mr. Hilton has studied and lived overseas in six different European countries, was the first and youngest African American male graduate to ever attain a Masters of Architecture degree from Kent State University's College of Architecture and Environmental Design, and is now the first and youngest African American Senior Associate Vice Presidential Executive ever, in the 106<sup>th</sup> plus year history of Kent State University.