

# Distinguished Alumnus Edward E. Johnson, Jr., LC'79, Has Excelled on Wall Street

**Edward E. Johnson, Jr.**, a 1979 graduate of Livingston College at Rutgers University, took an unusual route to success on Wall Street. ☒

In 2004, the Livingston Alumni Association honored Johnson as a Distinguished Alumnus.

After earning his bachelors of arts degree in psychology from Livingston College, Johnson attended New York University Graduate School of Business Administration in 1983.

He began his career in retail, serving as one of the youngest managers at Saks Fifth Avenue.

During a summer internship at Salomon Brothers, he was captivated by sales and trading. His skills landed him a full-time job at Salomon and, in 1989, at Merrill Lynch & Co. He was a first vice president of Merrill Lynch's Managed Solutions Group.

As of 2016 he is a partner at Aperio Capital Management, LLC. He previously was the Chief Operating Officer of Advent Capital Management, LLC.

Black Enterprise magazine has named Johnson to its lists of the "Most Powerful Blacks on Wall Street" in 2002 and subsequent years. He also served on the Livingston College Dean's Advisory Council.