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Thelma B. Thompson has proven an exceptional leader at the University of Maryland Eastern Shore. Her energy and abilities have been in evidence since she was appointed to the president's post in 2002. She has the historically black university on the right track; she has been a beacon of positive thought and attainable ideals.

On Thursday night, news broke that Thompson is one of two Maryland educators who are finalists in the search for a new president at Florida A&M University, which just happens to be considered one of the most prestigious historically black colleges in the country. The provost at Bowie State University, Patricia P. Ramsey, is also one of six candidates.

Said Thompson: "It's one of the premier black institutions in America, and I was just humbled when I realized somebody thought I could lead an institution of that size and importance."

Thompson said she had not decided about whether she would leave UMES if offered the Florida job.

If she does in fact win the big promotion and decide to leave, we'll have to jeer her decision while cheering her success.