

# MONICA G. WILLIAMS, PH.D.

Dear Members of the Grambling State University Presidential Search Committee,

I write to you with great enthusiasm to express interest in the position of President at Grambling State University. I believe my current role as the University of North Texas at Dallas' (UNT Dallas) Vice President for University Advancement & President and CEO of the UNT Dallas Foundation along with my nearly 25 years of service as a higher education administrator have prepared me to enter into this candidacy.

You will find in my corresponding vitae that my service to UNT Dallas, William Marsh Rice University, Prairie View A&M University and Texas Southern University illustrates a progressive career of transformational leadership and management. My commitment to advancing institutional advancement follows a path of implementing strategies that build structures to ensure paramount student experiences and alumni success.

My service to the Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs) and Hispanic Serving Institution (HSI) have been the most rewarding and fulfilling. The roles of these institutions play a vital role in nurturing scholars of color and preparing them for the workforce, and being a part of these communities as a leader has given me great pride. As I near completion of my eighth year at UNT Dallas, where I have helped to build this 15-year-old institution, the accomplishments have been trailblazing. I am ready to transition to my next calling, and I hope to be invited to meet with you to discuss the commonalities between my experiences and the characteristics you are seeking in your search for Grambling State University's next president.

A three-time graduate of HBCUs, I know firsthand the value of being HBCU educated. Our institutions have been championing scholars who are grounded in culture, personal empowerment and changemakers in the communities where they work and live. The confidence instilled in me at the universities I attended prepared me for a seat at the table and continues to prepare me for doors yet unopened—doors that I excitedly anticipate opening.

First and foremost, I am professionally rooted in entrepreneurship. I did not take the traditional or intentional path towards making higher educational leadership my life's work. I was blessed to stand on the shoulders of those same educators who taught and mentored me during undergraduate and graduate educational preparation, and they helped to incubate lifelong learning and teaching as part of my DNA. Because of what they invested in me, I continue to seek experiential learning and am inspired by what I learn everyday from serving the next generation of leaders. They are who inspire me and give me hope for the future.

My dissertation, *Engagement Levels of Historically Black College and University Leaders in Entrepreneurialism Through Fundraising*, introduced to the literature the notion that HBCU presidents need entrepreneurial tools to bring more financial resources and philanthropy to publicly-funded HBCUs. An accomplished fundraiser, I have spent my career in higher

education cultivating high-net-worth relationships and building partnerships to create high-impacting institutional visibility as well as change the narrative of HBCUs and Minority-Serving Institutions.

The invitation for applications to the Grambling State University presidency states that you are seeking a student-centered entrepreneurial leader with a proven track record including skills in fundraising, economic development and community relations. My leadership philosophy and visionary approach are grounded in constituent engagement. My boss, elected officials, UNT System administration, colleagues on the President's Cabinet, direct reports, student leadership and members of the community will attest that I operate in full transparency and am collaborative in every way. My staff will tell you that they get the credit. They do the work. I just give them the roadmap. For the better part of the last 7.5 years, I have been responsible for leading development, alumni relations, sponsored projects, external and government relations, the flagship retention program, the experiential learning program, marketing and communications and the university's 501 (c) 3 fundraising operation. I have been instrumental in gaining and maintaining our SACSCOC accreditation for the university and its 10-year-old College of Law, accredited by the American Bar Association.

Grambling State University has always been on my horizon. Before it was coined the State Farm Classic, I would attend the Grambling v. PVAMU as a young girl. It was there that I first embraced a sense of pride in HBCU athletics. In the 1980s as a young adult, I would marvel at Coach Eddie Robinson and those who followed him, prepare great scholarly athletes. And, eventually, when I was the Vice President for Development at Prairie View A&M University, I worked alongside Dr. Charles McClelland to bolster the visibility for the Tiger v. Panther Showdown that we now know at the State Farm Classic.

I cite these few examples as ones that I hope you will take into consideration as you contemplate which candidates you will invite to take the next step in the candidacy. I have included a copy of my curriculum vitae in hopes that it will give you a glimpse into the great opportunity that is before us to take Grambling State University where it deserves to grow next.

Sincerely,

Monica G. Williams, PhD

# MONICA G. WILLIAMS, PH.D.

## FOUNDATION PRESIDENT & VICE PRESIDENT OF ADVANCEMENT

*Visionary executive-level higher education administrator with 20+ years of experience in overseeing daily operations, driving mission and values, and securing over \$11M in funding, leading to institutional success and impact of over 10K+ students on multiple campuses. Recognized change agent with proven track record of developing innovative solutions and maintaining ongoing relationships to cultivate positive university reputation within external community while steering nearly 30 staff members to advance University goals and values.*

- Operational Effectiveness
- Campaign & Program Management
- Policy Development
- Process Improvements
- Talent Management

- Fundraising Initiatives
- Educational Planning
- Quantitative & Sponsored Research
- Grant Writing
- Brand Enhancement

- Government Relations
- Community Outreach
- Alumni & Donor Engagement
- Marketing & Communication Plans
- Diversity, Equity & Inclusion

## ADMINISTRATION & LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE

University of North Texas at Dallas – Dallas, TX

2016 - Present

### FOUNDATION PRESIDENT/CEO & VICE PRESIDENT OF ADVANCEMENT

Hired to establish mission, vision, values, and overarching goals for successful advancement program, impacting nearly 4K students. Serve as integral part of President's Cabinet and oversee nearly 30 staff and \$4.6M annual budget for Alumni and Development, Advancement Services, Marketing and Communications, Sponsored Projects, External Relations, Economic Development, Caruth Police Institute, pre-collegiate initiatives, leadership programs, and pathway to technology collegiate program. Provide thought leadership to UNT Dallas Foundation, Inc. Board of Directors to advance University's goals.

#### **Architect of UNTD's recalibrated 5-year strategic plan and why UNTD Matters value proposition**

- Led 5-year Strategic Planning Initiative for increasing cash investments
- Spearheaded planning and execution of University's 1<sup>st</sup> comprehensive fundraising
- Drove strategy to advance University's legislative agenda at state and federal levels
- Developed advancement plan/strategy and recruited/managed staff leadership to execute programs, policies, and systems
- Appointed to DeSoto Independent School District Strategic Planning Team
- Devised 2.5-year plan for rolling out athletics, including affiliating athletics conference, securing student vote, developing marketing and communication plan, recruiting coaches and students, getting scholarships for athletes, etc.

#### **Institutional effectiveness to support advancement of University's mission and priorities**

- Assembled and re-engaged UNT Dallas Foundation Board of Directors as well as assessed financial sustainability
- Partnered with President to identify and recruit top-level volunteer leadership to implement University's mission and vision
- Led/Served on CFO and Provost Search Committees and teams for SACSCOC and College of Law accreditation
- Formulated Rapid Response Team consisting of President's Cabinet, top executives, deans, and other senior level leaders to manage 200+ external relationships with corporations, ISDs, non-profits, government officials, etc.
- Achieved Highest Gallup engagement scores (95+%) on campus for 5 years consecutively in comparison to peers' scores (70%)

#### **Developed key relationships with government, alumni, and university community to garner resources to further University's mission**

- Articulated importance of supporting University mission to individuals, foundations, corporations, and government agencies, leading to transformation of over 3K students, families, and communities
- Formed plan for alumni relations, increased alumni engagement by 100%
- Championed economic development initiatives and build partnerships to enhance University and surrounding communities
- Functioned as key player in bringing soccer fields to southern Dallas by building partnership with FIFA and FC Dallas/Hunt Family
- Co-led with University President to reimagine Caruth Police Institute \$140M initiative/collaboration
  - Reduced police suicides through interventions by rolling out PHQ9 through VitalSign6 in partnership with UT Southwestern
  - Steered university partnership efforts with Georgetown University Law Center's ABLE Program, promoting active bystandership in law enforcement post George Floyd murder
  - Became Leader-in-Residence and contributed to recognition as national best practices institute by partnering locally, statewide, and nationally with entities who are transforming law enforcement
  - Championed pipeline from 8<sup>th</sup> grade to police academy to degree completion
- Formed internal/external relationships and established rapport
  - City of Dallas, Mayor's Office, UNT Dallas Founders (Rep. Helen Giddings & Sen. Royce West), key legislature

- Department of Education, Texas Education Agency, Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board
- United Way, Communities Foundation of Texas, Texas Instruments Foundation, Moody Foundation
- Meadows Foundation, Rainwater Foundation, Dallas County Promise, DFW Megachurches
- Deans, Cabinet-level administrators, College of Law, all ancillary units, DFW School Superintendents

#### ***Strategically developed and advanced University's data-centric enrollment culture***

- Accomplished 10<sup>th</sup> straight semester of record enrollment via partnership with Student Access & Success Division
- Co-led initiative to realize 3<sup>rd</sup> consecutive year of record enrollment
- Contributed to startup team for 1<sup>st</sup> ISD + Community College + 4-year Institution partnership to assist students with receiving associate and bachelor's degrees 1 year after high school graduation

#### ***Advances University's reputation and visibility by promoting programs, initiatives, and success at local, state, and national levels***

- Hired top-notch Marketing and Communications AVP and reorganized marketing and communications office
- Directed marketing and communication efforts, focusing on building and positioning University brand and influence in Greater Dallas Area and with stakeholders and key constituencies
- Ran marketing and PR campaign for launch of African American monument alongside Texas Legislative Black Caucus
- Presided over communications teams' efforts during pandemic to reach all internal and external constituents
- Supported rebranding opportunity, focusing on growth, retention, graduation numbers, low debt upon graduation, and alumni enrolling in Ivy League graduate schools as well as medical and pharmacy school
- Expanded institutional visibility through social media, billboard presence, and other traditional platforms
- Trained media SMEs to respond to justice-involved or legal matters or other newsworthy topics
- Redesigned website and converted to user-friendly, attractive front-facing platform with smart-phone compatibility
- Crafted president's quarterly newsletter and distributed to internal/external constituents i.e. alumni, friends, donors, etc.
- Changed university mascot and rebranded from Jaguars to Trailblazers

#### ***New facility design and construction oversight***

- Collaborated with UNT System to devise land acquisition plan and construct/restore campus buildings and beautification initiatives
  - \$170M Regional Police Academy funded by State of Texas, City of Dallas Bond Election, and private philanthropy
  - Old City of Dallas Municipal Building renovated to become UNT Dallas College of Law
  - Runyon Creek Trail on campus in conjunction with Dallas Parks & Recreation
  - \$2.1M Ryan Tower is tallest structure in Southern Dallas and symbolizes viability of institution
  - Trees Census conducted by renowned Texas Trees Foundation, resulting in designation of Tree Campus USA
- Opened newly renovated \$100M+ College of Law & 1963 Exhibit (JFK Assassination)
- Erected \$63M Student Center as hub/one-stop shop for students and prospective students to apply for admissions, receive advising, obtain transcripts, visit library, access study halls, etc.
- Inaugurated and dedicated 1st residence hall on campus, housing 110 students
- Opened UNT Dallas satellite at Lancaster Innovation Center in partnership with NFL Hall-of-Famer Emmitt Smith

#### ***Program Development & Innovation***

- Launched Trailblazer Elite Program, university's flagship retention program for first-generation students
- Transitioned E. J. Conrad Leadership Program from Sen. Royce West to UNT Dallas
- Secured service education and research deals via SERCH Institute for food insecurity and evaluation of nonprofit leadership
- Raised funds to reduce impact via Center for Socioeconomic Mobility through Education to bring issues to forefront and help communities become more socioeconomically well-rounded

#### ***Visionary and advocate of multiple initiatives to further educational equity, diversity, and Inclusion***

- Performed on One Ten initiative Advisory Council to bring workforce opportunities and wraparound resources for advancement to underrepresented populations in DFW
- Functioned on Culture Committee, designed to improve Gallup engagement
- Established relationships with cultural and civic organizations in diaspora communities i.e. Links, Pan-Hellenic organizations, etc.

United States Fund for UNICEF - Houston, TX

2012 – 2016

#### **FOUNDER/MANAGING DIRECTOR, MULTICULTURAL PARTNERSHIPS (2015 – 2016)**

Initiated and steered UNICEF USA efforts with diaspora groups nationwide and crafted strategies to address different cultural approaches to philanthropy. Identified strategies for fundraising, advocacy, and engagement across key constituencies and formed long-lasting and trusting partnerships in diasporic communities.

- Traveled worldwide to cultivate relationships and synergies with individuals, corporations, and foundations
- Raised \$25M in support of humanitarian efforts by collaborating with faith leaders in 6 denominations (over 25M million congregants worldwide)

**MANAGING DIRECTOR, SOUTHWEST REGION (2012 – 2015)**

Functioned as chief executive and fundraising officer for daily operations, staff supervision, and \$70M budget of 7-state regional office (Arkansas, Colorado, Kansas, Louisiana, New Mexico, Oklahoma, and Texas). Secured major gifts and formulated strategies for portfolio of 200+ donors, including board members, individuals, foundations, family foundations and corporations. Shaped and incorporated plans to meet annual major gifts and special event goals and reinforce national development goals. Selected to oversee for diaspora fundraising for U.S.

**Transformational Fundraising Results**

- Secured region's first \$1M gift and managed individual responsible for closing first \$1M in secondary market
- Raised over \$1.5M by organizing special events for 2 consecutive years, including The UNICEF Audrey Hepburn Society Ball which acknowledged 2 of Houston's top philanthropists

**Brand Awareness**

- Enhanced organizational capacity by raising visibility, expanding board, and maximizing board involvement in meeting annual goals
- Increased awareness of children's plight of living in impoverished nations by communicating mission and establishing public presence

Houston Works USA – Houston, TX

2008 - 2012

**SENIOR VICE PRESIDENT & CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER**

Constructed comprehensive and integrated resource development strategic plan, including grants, contracts administration, donor cultivation and solicitation, awareness activities, annual gift campaign, stewardship plan, planned giving program and donor database development using current staff as development ambassadors. Directed HR staff and managed labor divisions such as recruiting, benefits and compensation, development, disciplinary action, position definition, and appraisal systems. Formulated and administered company policies and developed long-range goals and objectives for employee performance.

**Creating Sustainability in Workforce Development**

- Submitted over \$100M in Letters of Interest and RFPs to various foundations, corporations, and federal/state/local government entities
- Conceptualized and executed fundraising initiatives to support human service and youth programs, resulting in over \$30M from U.S. Department of Labor and U.S. Department of Defense

**Grant Writing**

- Secured \$6.1M in new grants and contracts from Texas Workforce Commission and Houston-Galveston Area Council, contributing to total annual \$22.3M budget for workforce development program
- Negotiated over \$4M in federal appropriations for STEM institute and juvenile justice
- Awarded multi-million dollar grant from Department of Transportation and Metropolitan Transit Authority to implement workforce training program for first 2 phases of building Houston's light rail system

Rice University - Houston, TX

2007 - 2008

**DIRECTOR OF DEVELOPMENT**

Planned, organized, and managed development of major gift support system for university fundraising priorities, focusing on qualification, identification, cultivation, solicitation, and stewardship of major donor prospects. Prepared collateral material and literature for use by President, senior level volunteers and other senior campus administrators to raise funds for Centennial Campaign.

**Fundraising Initiatives**

- Participated as team member for first \$1B campaign 'Vision for the Second Century'
- Developed strategic fundraising plan to raise \$18M for Rice School of Architecture (Rated in top 10 best architecture schools)

**Program Development**

- Instituted effective program for recognition and promoted alumni relations in D.C., Virginia, and Maryland
- Hosted "Something New for Lunch" fundraising luncheon with Ping Sun (President David Leebron's wife)

Prairie View A & M University - Prairie View, TX

2004 – 2007

**ASSOCIATE VICE PRESIDENT FOR DEVELOPMENT**

Performed as Chief Development Officer to strategize cultivation, solicitation and stewardship of major gift prospects and donors/contributors. Developed annual report and various publications to encourage gifting opportunities. Interfaced with University President, Vice Presidents, and Deans to cultivate gifts and day-to-day operations related to donor participation.

**Historic & Transformational Fundraising**

- Ran first \$30M capital initiative in University's 130-year history
- Facilitated naming of buildings, academic units, and other entities

**Impact of Alumni Engagement & Major Gift Fundraising**

- Managed portfolio of pacesetter, major gift donors and prospective donors, yielding \$22.5M in gifts for all academic units i.e. College of Agriculture and Human Sciences, College of Arts and Sciences, College of Business, College of Juvenile Justice and Psychology, College of Engineering, College of Education, College of Nursing, School of Architecture, and all satellite campuses/specialized academic units
- Researched and fostered alumni regional demographic participation via alumni contribution catalog
- Revitalized and improved donor participation and charitable awareness

Texas Southern University - Houston, TX

2002 – 2006

**ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR OF DEVELOPMENT**

Designed and executed annual fund campaign while overseeing standardized campus-wide systems for prospect identification and review, donor, and prospect management (cultivation and stewardship), and major gift proposal development. Drafted written proposals for major gift solicitations in connection with Vice President for Development and campus fundraising staff. Developed and refined base of donors and prospective donors. Assisted in donor research, major gift prospective donor identification and recordkeeping.

- Developed proposals for 1<sup>st</sup> capital campaign, resulting in over \$9M from prospects and donors to supporting College of Business, School of Public Affairs, College of Education, College of Science and Technology, College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences, School of Communication, College of Law, the Graduate School, Honors College, and Office of Continuing Education

Neighborhood Centers Inc. - Houston, TX

1998 – 2003

**DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY-BASED INITIATIVES & PROGRAM OPERATIONS**

Administered center based program services and operations as member of executive team, enhancing lives of economically disadvantaged youth and families through comprehensive social services.

**Grants & Fundraising**

- Served as Principal Investigator and Grant Administrator for \$5M grant (Healthy Start Initiative) to reduce incidences of low birth weight babies and infant mortality/morbidity
- Sustained multi-million dollar funding from United Way Texas Gulf Coast annually during 5-year tenure

**Initiated multiple successful initiatives designed to support student success**

- Implemented skills assessments test per project as defined by Department of Health Human Services
- Counseled and empowered at-risk youth by developing and enhancing life skills

Sylvan at Work/Sylvan Learning Systems - Houston, TX

1997 – 1998

**CENTER DIRECTOR**

Managed day-to-day operations overseeing P&L controls, hiring staff members, curriculum development and optimizing sales campaign. Delivered remedial educational programs to 1000+ TANF recipients in 1 year to improve academic standards in adult basic education. Established and maintained face-to-face relationships with participants and/or management from Texas Department of Health/Human Services and Texas Workforce Commission. Created and cultivated relationships with key community organizations. Increased company awareness by actively establishing relationships and making presentations to employees.

- Developed and implemented planning and project management processes for programs and resources
- Established and maintained positive relationships with school administrators, counselors, teachers, parents, students, and various charitable organizations

**TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

UNT Dallas – Dallas, TX

2017 - 2020

**ADJUNCT FACULTY, SCHOOL OF EDUCATION**

Taught Government in the Educational System, Communication for Education Majors

Texas Southern University - Houston, TX

2002 – 2006

**ADJUNCT FACULTY**

Provided instruction in Business and Professional Communication and Human Performance to teach students basic communication theory, communication process, and organizational communication methods through integration of effective leadership styles, skills, and public speaking. Aided students in career preparedness and sustainability by teaching effective interviewing techniques.

Houston Independent School District - Houston, TX

1995 – 1997

**ENGLISH TEACHER AND GED INSTRUCTOR**

Taught high school students (grades 9 – 12) English language via strategies of writing process to ensure passing of Texas Assessment of Academic Skills (TAAS) test at exit level. Ensured students progressed through broad-based curriculum, enabling effective reading, reasoning, and communication. Used highly motivational techniques to provide structure, direction, and approval to individual needs in skills development. Demonstrated interpersonal skills and view issues from global perspective while establishing and cultivating excellent rapport with parents.

- Recognized for high-performance TAAS testing due to coordination, creation, and implementation strategies for TAAS preparation
- Applied various teaching styles and methods, promoting team-oriented, student-centered learning environment

**TRANSFORMATIONAL GRANT AWARD / FUNDRAISING ACTIVITY**

- Raised over \$11M cumulatively in grants from FY16 to FY23
- Guided philanthropic efforts up to \$4M, including major gifts, planned giving, annual giving, stewardship, and advancement services
- Elevated donor-investment profile by securing multi-million dollar gifts from Kellogg Foundation, DOE, Wipro Foundation, Toyota, Texas Instruments, and Dallas Mavericks
- Closed \$1M multi-year pledge from top DFW litigator at 1<sup>st</sup> College of Law fundraiser
- Achieved record year in grant funding for Principal Impact Collaborative, School of Business, Liberal Arts & Sciences, School of Education, and the College of Law
- Reconstituted UNT Dallas Foundation, elevated to fully operational status, and transitioned bookkeeping duties to CPA
- Inherited Sponsored Projects & Grants Office and transitioned to fully independent office
- Converted to centralized fundraising model to increase impact for development efforts
- Awarded Department of Protective & Regulatory Services Community Youth Development Grant
- Awarded 1<sup>st</sup> US Department of Education TRiO (Upward Bound) & McNair Scholars grants
- Outperformed peer institutions of comparable size in fundraising per US News, World Reports, and other publications
- Hosted over 50 national and regional philanthropic foundations on campus to show growth and institutional progress
- Tied deans to specific special interest groups to yield fundraising outcomes

**EDUCATION**

**Ph.D., Educational Leadership** ▪ Prairie View A & M University – Prairie View, TX

**M.A., Communications** ▪ Texas Southern University – Houston, TX

**B.A., Journalism/English** ▪ Texas Southern University – Houston, TX

**EXECUTIVE LEADERSHIP TRAINING**

Dallas Regional Chamber’s Welcoming New Executives Program	2017
Leadership Texas	2017
American Association of State Colleges and Universities (AACSU) Millennium Leadership Initiative (President’s Academy)	2016

**DOCTORAL DISSERTATION COMMITTEE SERVICE**

Candidate: Mia Knight Wright  
 Graduation Year: 2022  
 University of Southern California  
 Rossier School of Education  
 Emmy Jungwon Min, Robert Filback

**PRESENTATIONS & SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS**

Women’s Leadership Summit Panel Moderator	2023
Center for Socioeconomic Mobility Through Education Annual Conference Host and Panel Moderator	2023
All Stars Project of Dallas: A Decade of Development 10 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Benefit Honorary Chair	2023
A City Coming to Terms with the Assassination: Lessons from the 20 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Edition of the Dallas Morning News Host	2023
City of Dallas Women’s History Month Keynote Speaker	2019
National Alliance of Black School Educators’ Annual Convention Presenter	2019

National Forum for Black Public Administrators “The Future of Public Administration: It’s Time to Level Up” Presenter	2019
Texas Philanthropy Leadership Circle Host	2019
Women’s Alliance for Greater Good Executive Leadership Program Presenter	2019
City of Dallas Women and Leadership Panelist	2019
ACCT Leadership Congress & Dallas Community College District Dallas County Promise Partnership Presentation	2019
Thanks-Giving Foundation’s 37 <sup>th</sup> Annual National Day of Prayer Luncheon Speaker	2018
Women’s Leadership Summit Speaker	2018
UNT D Lecture Luncheon Club “Why UNT Dallas Matters: The case for high school to community college to 4-year collaborations”	2018
Jewish Community Relations Council Interfaith Seder Panelist	2018
Tom Joyner Foundation Full Ride Scholarship Banquet Presenter	2018
An Evening with Roland Martin benefitting Fred Florence Young Men’s Leadership Academy Moderator	2018
Dallas Women’s Foundation Young Women’s Initiative Event Keynote Address	2018
Fairway to Success Luncheon Keynote Address	2017
Junior Achievement Speaker	2017
University of North Texas at Dallas Ethics Day Host	2017
University of Texas’ Speak Up! Speak Out! Youth Outreach Program Youth Civics Fair Judge	2017
The Importance and Opportunity of Diversity and Inclusiveness in Fundraising City Square Panelist	2016
Walmart Women in Leadership Conference Panelist	2016
Family Place Summit on Domestic Violence Panelist	2016
Harvard Club of Dallas Smart City Panel Moderator	2016
Raise Your Hand Texas Advisory Board Panelist	2016
DeSoto High School Principal for a Day	2016
African-American Leadership Institute Policy Summit	2016
Community Back to School Fair Keynote Address	2016
The SERCH Institute’s Community & Police Relations Kickoff Panelist	2016
Dr. Emmett J. Conrad Leadership Program Luncheon Keynote Address	2016

**AWARDS & HONORS**

Cheryl Magazine’s Women of Influence Honoree	2022
Elite News’ Women of Wisdom Honoree	2020
National Alliance of Black School Educators Diva Honoree	2019
Stella Trimble Community Award	2012

**NEW CONSTRUCTION, BUILDING RENOVATIONS, GROUNDBREAKING & RIBBON-CUTTING CEREMONIES**

STEM Building Groundbreaking	2023
Lancaster Innovation Center Ribbon-Cutting	2022
1963 Exhibit Grand Opening	2020
UNT Dalla College of Law Ribbon-Cutting Ceremony	2019
Hart Amphitheater Grand Opening	2019
UNT Dallas Student Center Groundbreaking & Opening (\$63M Building)	2017 & 2019
Wisdom Residence Hall Groundbreaking & Ribbon-Cutting Ceremony (110 beds)	2016 & 2017

**GOVERNMENT RELATIONS**

85 <sup>th</sup> - 88 <sup>th</sup> Texas State Legislature Advocacy & Quarterly Meetings with Senator Royce West and Representatives Helen Giddings and Carl Sherman	2016 - 2023
Hosted Texas Legislative Black Caucus Town Hall at University of North Texas at Dallas	2017
Texas African-American History Memorial and Monument Unveiling (Austin, TX)	2017

**MEMBERSHIP AFFILIATIONS, COMMUNITY SERVICE & CIVIC ENGAGEMENT**

The Links, Incorporated	2022 - Present
Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated (Mu Kappa Omega Chapter – Missouri City, TX)	2022 - Present
Women’s Leadership Summit Co-Founder	2017 - Present
Metamorphosis Women’s Empowerment Conference Board Member	2013 - Present



---

The Fountain of Praise Board Member	2007 - Present
Women's Leadership Summit Co-Founder & Board Member	2005 - Present
FountainLife Community Redevelopment Project Committee Member	2005 - Present
AASCU's Millennium Leadership Initiative (President's School)	2016
Protege Leadership Texas	2016
Fellow Dallas Regional Chamber's New Executive	2016
Linda Lorelle Scholarship Fund Board Member	2013 - 2016
Greater Houston Convention and Visitor's Bureau (Greater Houston Partnerships) Immediate Past Board Member	2000 - 2012
Top 25 Women of Houston Honoree	2011
YMCA Minority Achievers Honoree	2005
United Way Capital Campaign (Houston) Co-chair	2002