

Dr. Hattie N. Washington

Educator, Consultant, Motivational Speaker, Author, Taste Maven, Founder of Aunt Hattie's Place, Inductee into The Maryland Women's Commission 2018 Hall Of Fame

Dr. Hattie N. Washington served as a tenured Professor of Education at Coppin State University (CSU) in Baltimore for over 20 years (1995 to 2017). Dr. Washington made history as the Coppin's first female Vice President in the University's 100-year history, all while continuing to teach one graduate course in Education, because of her love for teaching. Simultaneously, she served as Executive Director of the Coppin State University Development Foundation. Her charge in this position was to implement a capital campaign to raise \$3 million in five years, but she undertook a more ambitious campaign goal challenge and presented **\$8 million** to the Coppin State Foundation Board, the Coppin Family, and the Board of Regents - \$5 million over goal!

During the same twenty years that Dr. Washington contributed enormously to Coppin State University, she also founded Aunt Hattie's Place, Inc. (AHP), a 501(c) (3) non-profit residential facility in Baltimore in 1997 to care for males from the foster care system with special educational needs. She later acquired grants, bonds and donations to establish and build other group homes in Randallstown and Sandy Spring. With a loving staff, a team of professional practitioners and volunteers, she provided care and nurturing for boys and young men ages eight to 21 who had been abused, abandoned and neglected. Despite the tremendous needs of her new family members, Hattie (affectionately, call "Aunt Hattie") believes that **"all children are talented, intelligent, loveable and full of hope; but just need love, guidance, structure and high expectations to achieve their full potential."** They just needed a **"helping hand"**, not a **"hand out"**. Prior to Coppin, Dr. Washington was Asst. Superintendent of Baltimore Schools; prior to that, A Program Specialist/Evaluator, Maryland State Dept. of Education (MSDE); Prior, a Teacher in Greece, Philadelphia, & Norfolk.

Dr. Washington is the mother of two accomplished daughters (a physician & an attorney) and grandmother to two precious granddaughters. She is also the author of two books: **"Driven to Succeed: Lessons Learned through Faith, Family and Favor"** and **"Aunt Hattie's Cookbook: Southern Comfort Food Favorites"**. Her soon-to-be-released historical autobiographical picture book: **20/20 Insight and Foresight: Reflecting On The Past While Visioning The Future** will be released in **2019**. *Proceeds from her present two books benefit her Aunt Hattie's Scholarship Fund at Coppin State University for former AHP foster youth (and other Maryland foster youth) who have aged out of the system and want to go to college, but need help.*

Dr. Washington holds a Bachelor of Science Degree in Elementary Education with a minor in Special Education from Norfolk State University; a Master's Degree in Counseling Psychology from Ball State University (an Athens, Greece Overseas Program); and a Doctorate in Curriculum and Instruction from the University of Maryland College Park. She has engaged in further post-graduate study in Multicultural Education and Special Education at Glasgow University in Scotland, UK (on a Rotary International Scholarship); in Executive Management (IEM) at Harvard University in Boston; and in Institutional Accountability in Higher Education at Oxford University in London, England.

She has received numerous awards, plaques, citations and other recognitions for her work with Aunt Hattie's Place, Coppin State University, and with foster children and community organizations. Just a few, include: the 2013 Outstanding Service to Youth by the Montgomery County Commission on Youth and Families, Won Top 100 Minority Business Entrepreneurial of the Year (Winner Twice: 2009 and 2012); The Outstanding 2017 Graduate Faculty Award from Coppin State University; The Sister4Sister Network 15th Anniversary Jewel Diamond Taylor Inspirational Life Changer Legacy Award; the **"2018 Business Award"** by The National Association For Negro Business & Professional Women's Clubs, Inc; and recently, the high honor of being Inducted into The Maryland Women's Commission **2018 Hall of Fame**.

"My work with Aunt Hattie's Place (AHP), Baltimore City Schools, Maryland State Dept. of Education, and at Coppin State University were my ministries and grew out of my childhood challenging experiences, and now a need to "give back" and "pay it forward". Throughout my career, I have sought to uplift the lives of our youth while focusing on the unmet needs disadvantaged children, especially, foster boys, who were among the most disenfranchised and whose circumstances threatened to rob them of their dreams for a bright future. As the blessed mother of two successful daughters and foster son, my teachings and child-rearing strategies prepared me to create and lead AHP in providing numerous other foster boys with the love, guidance, structure, and high expectation; thereby, many have become productive young men whose dreams of hope and success have become a reality. I taught my daughters, my foster young men, and now, my two granddaughters (and many others), "Yes, We Can; We MUST".

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