



***“Driven to Succeed”
proves to be
a perfect title for Author
Dr. Hattie N. Washington***

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Dr. Hattie N. Washington, author of
“DRIVEN TO SUCCEED
***An Inspirational Memoir of Lessons Learned
Through Faith, Family & Favor”***,

was recently welcomed home when she shared her childhood experiences and life story during

a lecture and book signing event at ROBERT RUSSA MOTON MUSEUM in Farmville, Virginia. Notably, the R.R. Moton Museum is the site of the once R. R. MOTON HIGH SCHOOL where the Strike by students for better facilities in 1951, led by Barbara Johns, was the catalyst for the landmark case, *Brown v. The Board of Education*.

The program themed, **“Take Me Back Home”
Journey to Prince Edward County**, was very well received by an audience of family, friends, and community officials that included **Dr. Barbara Johnson** [at right], the newly appointed Superintendent of PRINCE EDWARD COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS.



Dr. Washington [center] enjoyed interacting with the R.R. MOTON MUSEUM Staff, an original 1951 striker & persons affected by school closings in 1959 after the book event (Barbara Johns’ Portrait in the background).



“I talk about this traumatic experience in my book and how this whole historic incident affected me personally and my life after the school closings in 1959 as well as the effect on many other locals.”

-- Dr. Hattie N. Washington, Author



Left to Right:
Dorothy Holcomb,
Dr. Barbara Johnson,
Dr. Washington,
Joy Cabarras Speakes,
and Bob Hamlin

Dr. Hattie N. Washington is a renowned Motivational Speaker, College Professor, Boys Home Founder, Consultant and Inspirational Author of her new memoir, **“Driven to Succeed”**, where she reveals how a young girl from Meherrin, Virginia, succeeded through life with optimism, drive and a belief in God to become an honor student, teacher, a parent to two successful daughters, and a foster parent to numerous foster boys over a twenty-year period. She writes about her faith, family, relationships, and the complexities of growing up during the segregation and desegregation era, where the strike at **R.R. Moton High School**, in Farmville, Virginia in **1951**, led to the historic landmark case, **Brown v. Board of Education**.



Dr. Washington has her audience spellbound with her recollections of the school closings for five years & the positive lessons learned.



Dr. Washington signing book for **Dr. Sadie Gregory**, former VP of Academic Affairs/Provost of Coppin State University, Balt., MD.



Arlene Winkler & Estelle Winkler McCormick, R. R. Moton High School Graduates before the school closed in 1959, shown with **Dr. Washington**



Dr. Washington autographed a book for a participant at the book signing event.

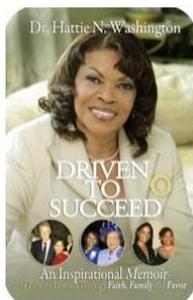
The photographs share the joy of the day as Dr. Washington presented her lecture and embraced how each of the guests who attended the book event was affected by the school closings and positive lessons learned. The Book Event was hosted by the staff and board members of the historic ROBERT RUSSA MOTON MUSEUM and LONGWOOD UNIVERSITY.

Dr. Washington encourages everyone invite others to visit this historic MOTON MUSEUM, at #900 Griffin Boulevard in Farmville, Va, where **Ms. Sherree Atkins** is the Guest Services Coordinator & Administrative Specialist who can be reached on **(434) 315-8775**. Photo Highlights were taken by **Mr. Bruce Smallwood**, Photographer/ Marketing Consultant/Web Master, MT. VERNON MARKETING.

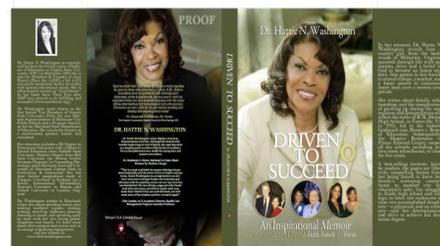
Dr. Washington is touched by the article, **An Author’s Inspiration** by **Mr. Jamie Ruff**, Staff Writer, **THE FARMVILLE HERALD** {July 21, 2016}. You may read the full article by visiting this link: <http://www.drhnwashington.com/national-2/> or farmvilleherald.com/july21.



While in town, Dr. Washington also visited her old two-room schoolhouse (LEVI ELEM. SCHOOL in Green Bay, Va.) -- closed for 5 years due to the Massive Resistance in Prince Edward County to the Supreme Court landmark case in 1954 to desegregate the school. She also enjoyed a gathering with family and community at the Homecoming Reunion Service held at the LEVI BAPTIST CHURCH in Green Bay.



“DRIVEN TO SUCCEED: An Inspirational Memoir of Lessons Learned Through Faith, Family, and Favor” (published by Arrie Publishing Company in English & Spanish/Hardback & Softback copies) is complete with historical photographs from the R.R. Moton Strike and personal photographs of her life. Her riveting story provides inspiration for generations to come! For more information, please call **(443) 804-6545** or visit: <http://www.drhnwashington.com>.



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