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Born in Schenectady, New York, September 8, 1958. Attended Paint Branch High School, Silver Spring; Georgetown University, B.S. (accounting), 1980. Financial analyst. Treasurer and board member, Maryland National Abortion Rights Action League (NARAL), 4 years. Elected delegate, Greenbelt Cooperative, 3 years. Founding board member, Montgomery County Democratic Action Committee, 2 years. Treasurer, Montgomery County Young Democrats. Democratic Provisional Precinct Chair, Precinct 9-01, and member, District 17 Caucus. Delegate, Democratic Party National Convention, 2000. Member, Gaithersburg and Upper Montgomery County Chamber of Commerce; Washingtonian Towns Civic Association, 3 years; Maryland Citizen Action Coalition; Indian Cultural Coordinating Committee; Sierra Club.



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Born in Roanoke, Virginia, March 11, 1941. Attended South Hagerstown High School; Bowie State College, B.S. (education), 1961; Catholic University of America, M.A. (curriculum instruction), 1972; George Washington University. Staff Administrator, Prince George's County Public School System. Board member, Coalition of Economic Development. Member, Coalition of 100 Black Women; Prince George's County Educators' Association (negotiations team); Maryland State Teachers Association (MTSA); National Education Association (NEA). Delegate, MSTA and NEA conventions. Chair, Faculty Advisory Council. Prince George's Bargaining Council. Board member, Black Democratic Council. Delegate, Democratic Party National Convention, 1996. Honorary life member, Girl Scouts of America, 1980. Outstanding Minority Leader Award; Outstanding and Dedicated Services to Children and Youth; Outstanding Minority Leadership Award; Outstanding Educator, Prince George's County Public Schools; For Love of Children Award, Kiwanis Club of Capitol Centre, 1985; Outstanding Community Service Award, Las Amigas; Citizen of Year, Omega Psi Phi Fraternity; Community Service Award, J. Franklyn Bourne Bar Association, 1989; Outstanding Minority Educator, MSTA Minority Caucus. Member, Ebenezer African Methodist Episcopal (AME) Church.