

DR. VERONICA JEAN BRADLEY, PH.D.

Distinguished Graduate

W. A. Pattillo High School Class of 1967



Veronica J. Bradley was born and raised in Tarboro, NC in a loving home with her parents and three younger siblings. At five years old she started school at Pattillo. During high school, her favorite extra-curricular activity was Editor-in-Chief of the school's newspaper, *The Trojan*. Veronica graduated in 1967 from W. A. Pattillo High School with a full academic scholarship and a writing award from the most widely circulated newspaper in North Carolina at that time, the *News and Observer*.

After graduating high school, she earned a BS in Business Management from Hampton Institute (now Hampton University), a MA in Educational Administration and Supervision from Virginia State University and a Ph.D. in Higher Education Administration from Andrews University in Berrien Springs, Michigan. Veronica travelled to Cuba in 2002 with her doctoral cohort to study its educational system. She served as a panelist at the University of Havana discussing the History of Higher Education in America. Her career consisted of various ascending levels of accounting, personnel management and administrative positions basically in the higher education arena. She retired from the Commonwealth of Virginia's higher education system as a Fiscal Administrator.

Some of Veronica's organizational memberships include: Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Pi Lambda Theta Honor Society (past financial secretary), Kappa Delta Pi International Honor Society and Phi Delta Kappa Fraternity in Education (former Treasurer of both). Her ecclesiastical and civic services consist of: Church Administrator, Pastor's Aide, teller, Chairperson of the Pastor's and Church Anniversary Committees, a member of the intercessory prayer team, the Women's Ministry, the Hospitality Committee, Operation Breaking Through and the Virginia Department of Aging.

In 2012 she joined the alumni association and started as Chair of the Publications Committee. Under her chairmanship, the first full color copy of the reunion souvenir booklet was produced. She is also the brainchild of the "Honorary Graduate" membership category implemented at the Reunion Gala on July 4, 2015. Veronica also served the association in the capacities as the Finance Chair and Budget Manager, Co-Chair of the 36th Annual Reunion, a member of the Program Committee, and an ad hoc member of the Hall of Fame Committee. Currently, she is a Director-at-Large, Chairperson of the 40th Annual Reunion Committee and a member of the Finance and Public Relations Committees.

Veronica was honored with several awards and certificates for performance and service while employed at the Commonwealth of Virginia/United States Department of Agriculture/Cooperate State Research Extension Service (USDA/CSREES). In 1998, she was elected President of the University Staff Council at Virginia State University (VSU) and served until 2002. While being President of the Staff Council, she served as the University's Staff Ambassador for the United Way of Southside Virginia and was the Attendant/Guide for two celebrities who visited VSU: Rev. Jesse Jackson (Renowned Pastor and Activist) and Mr. James Avery (Deceased American actor -- Uncle Phil on the sitcom "Fresh Prince of Bel Air").

She enjoys reading, writing, traveling, looking at old westerns, and going to the movies and theatre. At her core, Veronica possesses the heart of a servant that enjoys helping others when possible. She is a staunch believer in personal and professional development and considers herself a life-long learner.