

Founder's Award

Dr. Beverly J. Whitest, PhD



Beverly J. Whitest was born in Princeville, NC on August 17, 1951. She is the third of six children. She attended Princeville Elementary School until third grade, W. A. Pattillo High School from grades 4 through 9, and was among the first Blacks to attend Tarboro High School in 1966. Beverly then became one of six Blacks in a class of 56 students that graduated from Tarboro High School in 1969.

Beverly's higher educational accomplishments include: a Bachelor's Degree from NC A&T State University in Greensboro, NC where she graduated with honors; a Master's of Public Administration from Atlanta Graduate School in Atlanta, GA where she was one of the first five to graduate from this new program in 1976; a Master's Degree in Adult Education and a Doctorate Degree in Philosophy, Education in 1998 from the University of College Park in College Park, MD. Dr. Whitest was the first African American to receive the Benjamin Fellowship from the School of Education and she also received a grant from the Graduate School of Diversity Council.

The first job Beverly held after graduation from NC A&T State University was a Secretary at Walter Reed Outpatient Clinic. Over the years, she has served in a multiplicity of positions, including but not limited to: an Urban Planner for the City of Atlanta; a Transportation Planner for the State of Tennessee; a Research Assistant, Grant Coordinator and Director of Planning & Evaluation in Atlanta's Department of Public Health, a statewide Internal Auditor for Public Health in Georgia; Director of Graduate Studies in Administration & Health at Trinity University. Dr. Whitest also taught in the Business Administration Program at Saat Academy for Management in Cairo, Egypt.

Currently, Dr. Whitest is employed by the Georgia Department of Corrections as Director of elearning and Education. Her staff developed and implemented all in-service and pre-service orientation classes online. Her staff also coordinates all of the Professional Management programs, the Command College and the Certified Manager's Program.

Dr. Whitest is also a Training Major with Georgia Corrections Academy and teaches law enforcement and corrections officers for the State of Georgia.

Beverly is a member of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority; serves on the Board of Directors at Unity of South African Church; a member of the Board of Directors of West End Medical Center and the Center for Battered Women.

She is the mother of two sons: Malik Hazi Whitest-Hill and Jelani Whitest-Hill. Beverly also has three grandchildren.