

Biographical Description for The HistoryMakers® Video Oral History with Andre J. Hornsby

PERSON

Hornsby, Andre J., 1953-

Alternative Names: Andre J. Hornsby;

Life Dates: October 7, 1953-

Place of Birth: New Orleans, Louisiana, USA

Occupations: Education Chief Executive

Biographical Note

Andre Jose Hornsby was born on October 7, 1953, in New Orleans, Louisiana; his mother was a seamstress and his father was a carpenter and bricklayer. An early learner, Hornsby began attending school when he was just two and a half years old and was able to read at three. Hornsby's parents divorced during his early childhood and his mother moved the family to Gary, Indiana. In 1971, Hornsby earned his high school diploma from Bishop Noll Institute Catholic High School in Hammond, Indiana, where he was a star athlete excelling in football and track.

After high school, Hornsby attended Arizona Western Community College on a football scholarship, where he earned his A.A. degree in pre-medicine and education in 1973. Hornsby then went on to attend the University of Tulsa, earning his B.S. degree in education in 1975. Hornsby received his master's degree in health and physical education from the University of Houston in 1976 and began his teaching career that same year. In 1982, Hornsby earned his doctorate of education from Texas Southern University.

From 1995 until 1998, Hornsby served as superintendent of the South Central District of the Houston Independent School District. In this position he founded a 21st Century Laboratory School with Texas Southern University and restructured more than 200 schools in the district. In 1998, Hornsby served as superintendent of the Yonkers, New York Public School system; during his tenure, standardized test scores improved and he increased the number of reading, math, and technology programs in the school system. From 2001 until 2003, Hornsby worked as president for the National Alliance of Black School Educators, a nonprofit organization devoted to furthering academic success for the nation's children, particularly children of African descent. In 2003, Hornsby served as supervising superintendent of Executive Leadership Development, working with district superintendents, local school boards, and communities to implement an executive leadership development program in New York Public Schools. Later that year

he was hired as the chief executive officer for Prince George's County Public Schools in Maryland.

Hornsby has received numerous awards for his educational and civic accomplishments.

Related Entries

Martinez Kindergarten School [STUDENTOF]
[from ? to ?]

Bishop Noll Institute [STUDENTOF]
[from ? to ?]

Holy Rosary School [STUDENTOF]
[from ? to ?]

Crawford Elementary School [EMPLOYEEOF]
[from ? to ?]

Teacher

Roberts Elementary School [EMPLOYEEOF]
[from ? to ?]

Teacher

Houston Independent School District [EMPLOYEEOF]
[from ? to ?]

Regional Superintendent

Yonkers Public School District [EMPLOYEEOF]
[from ? to ?]

Superintendant

National Alliance for Black School Educators [EMPLOYEEOF]
[from ? to ?]

Consultant

New York City Public School System [EMPLOYEEOF]
[from ? to ?]

Executive Director for Leadership Development

Prince George's County Public School System [EMPLOYEEOF]
[from ? to ?]

Cheif Executive

National Alliance for Black School Educators (NASBE) [MEMBEROF]
[from ? to ?]

Consultant; Member

