

Biographical Description for The HistoryMakers® Video Oral History with Fannie Lee Brown

PERSON

Brown, Fannie L., 1954-

Alternative Names: Fannie Lee Brown;

Life Dates: June 29, 1954-

Place of Birth: Macon County, Georgia, USA

Residence: Norton, OH

Work: OH

Occupations: Nonprofit Executive

Biographical Note

Civic leader and non-profit executive Fannie L. Brown, Ph.D., was born on June 29, 1954, in Montezuma, Georgia, and raised in Akron, Ohio. After graduating from Akron Public Schools, Brown earned her B.A. degree in business management from Malone College in 1990; her M.S. degree in technical education from the University of Akron in 1991; and her Ph.D. in secondary education from the University of Akron in 1995.

Brown assumed the role of executive director of The Coming Together Project USA in 1997. The Coming Together Project was created following a 1993 year-long series in the Akron Beacon Journal entitled A Question of Color, which analyzed the difficult state of race relations and the disparity of opportunity between blacks and whites in Akron. At the end of the series, the newspaper called on the community to work together to address the challenges addressed in the articles. After operating for its first year under the auspices of the newspaper, the Coming Together Project attained its own autonomous standing as a nonprofit organization.

In addition to her work with the Coming Together Project, Brown is a member of Books for Africa and University of Akron College of Business Diversity boards. Brown received numerous awards and honors, including the 2000 Gimbel Child and Family Award, and an appointment to the Ohio Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Commission by Governor Bob Taft.

Related Entries

Flint River Farms School [STUDENTOF]
[from ? to ?]

D.F. Douglas Elementary School [STUDENTOF]
[from ? to ?]

Malone College [STUDENTOF]
[from ? to ?]

B.A.

Central Howard High School [STUDENTOF]
[from ? to ?]

University of Akron [STUDENTOF]
[from ? to ?]

M.S., Ph.D.

Babcock and Wilcox Company [EMPLOYEEOF]
[from 1972 to 1995]

Draftsman

Akron Public Schools [EMPLOYEEOF]
[from 1995 to 1997]

Program Director

Coming Together Akron [EMPLOYEEOF]
[from 1997 to ?]

Executive Director

Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority [MEMBEROF]
[from ? to ?]

NAACP [MEMBEROF]
[from ? to ?]