

Biographical Description for The HistoryMakers® Video Oral History with Faye Beverly Bryant

PERSON

Bryant, Faye B.

Alternative Names: Faye Beverly Bryant;

Life Dates: March 15, 1937-February 2, 2020

Place of Birth: Houston, Texas, USA

Residence: Houston, TX

Occupations: Association Chief Executive

Biographical Note

21st International President of Alpha Kappa Alpha (AKA) Sorority, Inc., Faye Beverly Bryant was born on March 15, 1937, in Houston, Texas. Under Bryant's leadership, the theme of the AKA Sorority became P.O.W.E.R. During her tenure, Bryant also created the Alpha Kappa Alpha Connection, completed construction on the Sorority's national headquarters and initiated the African Village Development Program in collaboration with Africare.

Bryant was initiated into the Alpha Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority at Howard University in 1955. After graduating from Howard University with her B.A. degree, Bryant returned to Houston and transferred her affiliation to the Alpha Kappa Omega Chapter of Houston in 1957. She went on to earn her M.A. degree in counseling and guidance from the University of Houston. In Houston, Bryant was instrumental in establishing the Epsilon Lambda Chapter at the University of Houston and worked as a teacher in the Houston Independent School District where the 18th International President of AKA Sorority, Ms. Mattelia B. Grays, served as Deputy Superintendent. After teaching at Booker T. Washington High School and serving as a counselor at Bellaire High School, Bryant worked as the Director of Magnet Schools for the Houston Independent School District. She was later hired as the Deputy Superintendent of Human Resources and the Deputy Superintendent for School Administration. She also served as Interim Superintendent of the Houston Independent School District.

In 1982, Bryant succeeded Barbara K. Phillips as International President of the AKA Sorority and Programs of service, Organizational impact, Women in global issues and Economic development and Renewal (P.O.W.E.R.) became the agenda for the Sorority. Bryant's administration also sought to improve the communication with individual members by approving cluster meetings where AKA Sorority members from various

chapters could convene. In addition, Bryant initiated a governmental relations team to represent the Sorority at various government affairs. Bryant added the Alpha Kappa Alpha Connection to the Sorority's list of programs and registered new voters for the 1984 U.S. Presidential election. During her tenure, Bryant met with the Council of Presidents of the eight predominantly black Greek organizations and launched a drive to leverage the collective power of Greek organizations.

In 1998, Bryant became the first African American to serve as Deputy Superintendent for School Administration in the Houston Independent School District. In 2002, Bryant retired from the school board as Executive Deputy Superintendent after forty-two years of service.

Bryant passed away on February 20, 2020.

Faye Beverly Bryant was interviewed by The HistoryMakers on March 11, 2008.

Related Entries

Blanche Kelso Bruce Elementary School [STUDENTOF]
[from ? to ?]

E.O. Smith Middle School [STUDENTOF]
[from ? to ?]

Phillis Wheatley High School [STUDENTOF]
[from ? to ?]

Howard University [STUDENTOF]
[from ? to ?]

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

Blue Triangle Branch, YWCA [EMPLOYEEOF]
[from 1958 to 1959]

Interim Program Diredctor

Houston Independent School District [EMPLOYEEOF]
[from 1959 to ?]

Substitute Teacher

Booker T. Washington High School [EMPLOYEEOF]
[from 1959 to 1969]

History Teacher

Bellaire High School [EMPLOYEEOF]
[from 1969 to ?]

Counselor

Houston Independent School District [EMPLOYEEOF]

[from 1975 to 1979]

Counselor Representative, Magnet Schools

Houston Independent School District [EMPLOYEEOf]
[from 1979 to 1981]

Counselor, Human Resources Department

Houston Independent School District [EMPLOYEEOf]
[from 1981 to 1997]

Deputy superintendent of instruction

Houston Independent School District [EMPLOYEEOf]
[from 1997 to 1998]

Interim Superintendent of Schools

Houston Independent School District [EMPLOYEEOf]
[from 1998 to 2002]

Executive Superintendent of Schools

Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated [MEMBEROf]
[from ? to ?]

Member, supreme basileus

Region 4 Education Service Center [MEMBEROf]
[from ? to ?]

Board Member

Houston History Alliance [MEMBEROf]
[from ? to ?]

Board Member