

Biographical Description for The HistoryMakers® Video Oral History with Virginia Edwards Maynor

PERSON

Maynor, Virginia Edwards, 1945-

Alternative Names: Virginia Edwards Maynor;

Life Dates: April 1, 1945-

Place of Birth: Savannah, Georgia, USA

Residence: Savannah, GA

Occupations: Educator

Biographical Note

Educator Virginia Edwards Maynor was born on April 1, 1945 in Savannah, Georgia to Freddie Mae Jones-Williams and John Roger Williams. She graduated from Alfred Ely Beach High School in 1963. Maynor earned her B.S. degree from Savannah State University in Savannah, Georgia in 1968, her M.Ed. degree in history from Armstrong State University in Savannah, Georgia in 1974, and her Ed.S. degree from Georgia Southern University in Statesboro, Georgia in 1982. She also earned a leadership certificate from Harvard University's Leadership Institute in 1985.

Maynor began her career in education as a third grade teacher in the Horry County School system. From 1969 to 1970, she taught in the Ridgeland South Carolina Public School system. Maynor then joined the Savannah-Chatham County Public School system as a teacher in 1970. She was promoted to the positions of assistant principal, principal, executive director of secondary schools, and deputy superintendent of instruction. In 1998, Maynor became the superintendent of Savannah-Chatham County Public Schools, where she remained until 2001. She was the school district's first African American female superintendent. Maynor also represented the First Congressional District on the Georgia State Board of Education.

Maynor received the Outstanding Leadership Award from Savannah State University, the Omega Citizen of the Year Award from Omega Psi Phi Fraternity's Mu Phi Chapter, the Outstanding Educator Award from the Georgia Retired Educators Association, the Citizen of the Year Award from the Mutual Benevolent Society, Inc., an Award of Appreciation from Myers Middle School P.T.A., the Spirit of Education Award from Alpha Kappa Alpha, and the Civil Rights Museum Award from the Ralph Mark Gilbert Civil Rights Museum.

Maynor was a member of the Chatham Retired Educators Association, BAPS, and Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. She also served as president of the Savannah Chapter of The Links, Inc. from 1995 to 2015, as fund development chair of Greenbriar Children's Center, Inc. from 2000 to 2012, on the Board of Directors for the Telfair Museum from 2009 to 2011, and on the Board of Directors for Hospice Savannah from 2008 to 2011.

Virginia Edwards Maynor was interviewed by The HistoryMakers on February 10, 2017.

Related Entries

George W. DeRenne Middle School [STUDENTOF]

[from ? to ?]

Alfred Ely Beach High School [STUDENTOF]

[from ? to ?]

diploma

Savannah State University [STUDENTOF]

[from ? to ?]

B.A. in Sociology

Georgia Southern University-Armstrong Campus [STUDENTOF]

[from ? to ?]

MAEd in History Education

Georgia Southern University [STUDENTOF]

[from ? to ?]

Education Specialist Degree

Harvard University [STUDENTOF]

[from ? to ?]

Savannah-Chatham County Public Schools [EMPLOYEEOF]

[from ? to ?]

Assistant Principal

Savannah-Chatham County Public Schools [EMPLOYEEOF]

[from ? to ?]

Executive Director of Elementary Schools

Savannah-Chatham County Public Schools [EMPLOYEEOF]

[from ? to ?]

Deputy Superintendent

Savannah-Chatham County Public Schools [EMPLOYEEOF]

[from ? to 2001]

Superintendent

Horry County Schools [EMPLOYEEOf]
[from 1969 to 1969]

Teacher

Ridgeland South Carolina Public School System [EMPLOYEEOf]
[from 1969 to 1970]

Teacher

Savannah -Chatham County Public Schools [EMPLOYEEOf]
[from 1970 to ?]

Teacher

Alpha Kappa Alpha [MEMBEROf]
[from ? to ?]

Member

Retired Educators Association [MEMBEROf]
[from ? to ?]

President

The Links, Incorporated [MEMBEROf]
[from 1997 to 2015]

President

Moles [MEMBEROf]
[from 1997 to ?]

Member

Greenbriar Children's Center [MEMBEROf]
[from 2000 to 2012]

Fund Development Chair

Savannah Music Festival [MEMBEROf]
[from 2006 to 2008]

Steering Committee

Hospice Savannah [MEMBEROf]
[from 2008 to 2011]

Board of Directors- Personnel Committee Member

Telfair Museum [MEMBEROf]
[from 2009 to 2011]

Board of Directors- Chair of African American Activities

BAPS [MEMBEROf]
[from 2013 to ?]

Founder

