

**2020  
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## Virginia W. Harris



Dynamic, highly respected, public servant and community leader all only begin to describe Virginia W. Harris.

Mrs. Harris was elected president of the National Coalition of 100 Black Women, Inc., at the 18th Biennial Conference, September 23, 2017, in Baltimore, MD. Having served as a member of the Metropolitan Atlanta Chapter for 27 years, President Harris has consistently demonstrated her leadership abilities through successfully serving at both the national and local levels. For the past 15 years, she has served as first vice president of programs, vice president of Finance and Fund Development, national treasurer, and chair of several national committees. At the chapter level, she has held the offices of president, vice president of programs, treasurer, and assistant treasurer. She also has chaired the Public Policy, Nominations, and Scholarship committees in addition to having sat on her chapter's Presidents Advisory Board, an advisory group consisting of past chapter presidents that provides ongoing guidance to the chapter.

Her leadership capacities were further exemplified over the years when she served in the following organizational capacities: president, Albany State University Foundation

Board of Trustees; chair, Georgia DOL-Statewide Youth Motivation Task Force Program; vice president, Gwinnett-Rockdale-Newton Community Service Board; National Forum for Black Public Administrators (NFBPA); Gwinnett Chapter, American Red Cross Advisory Board; Southern Education Foundation Board; Women Ministry Council; and president, the historical Ebenezer Baptist Church Ladies' Usher Board.

She retired from the Gwinnett County Board of Commissioners in July 2006 as county auditor after 20 years of service. Other positions along her career path include accounting director and financial management analyst, Gwinnett County; audit manager, State of Georgia; comptroller, Governor's Office – Women's Services, State of Louisiana; accountant, Sears Roebuck and Company and South Eastern Regional Office; and accountant, Arthur Young and Company.

Virginia Harris is an active member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.; The Links Inc.; and the Continental Societies, Inc. She regularly participates in the National Urban League's BEEP-Program, lecturing at historically Black colleges and universities. Her stellar work and staunch commitment have earned her numerous national, regional, state and local awards.

Educationally, she holds a Master of Public Administration degree and a Bachelor of Business Administration degree and is a certified internal auditor and government financial manager. She is a graduate of Georgia's Regional Leadership Institute, Leadership Atlanta, Leadership Gwinnett, and the Harvard Non-Profit Leadership Program.

A resident of Stone Mountain, GA, Virginia Harris is the widow of the late Keith Harris, a native Atlantan. She enjoys the love of her two adult children, Mark and Veketa; three grandsons, Joshua, Andrew and Ethan; and two granddaughters, Hannah and Ava. She is a member of the historical Ebenezer Baptist Church and enjoys traveling, reading, tennis, and learning to play golf.

Virginia W. Harris's commitment to professional and civic leadership is why Berean SDA Church has named her a Black History Month honoree.