

## **BIOGRAPHY OF DR. SANDRA J. HARRIS**

**Dr. Harris became an educational consultant after retiring as the Superintendent of the Oak Park School District in Oak Park, Michigan. She also served as the Assistant Superintendent and Superintendent at Lincoln Consolidated Schools. She began her professional career in the Ann Arbor Public Schools, where she worked as a teacher, Vocational Coordinator, Assistant Principal, and Personnel Director.**

**Dr. Harris is the recipient of several degrees, which include a Bachelor's Degree in Business Education, a Master's Degree in Guidance and Counseling, an Education Specialist's Degree in Educational Leadership, and a Doctor of Education Degree in Educational Leadership. She earned all of her degrees from Eastern Michigan University.**

**Dr. Harris has served in numerous professional organizations. She was previously affiliated with the Michigan Association of School Administrators Council, Michigan Association of School Personnel Administrators, and the Teacher Education Advisory Board for Eastern Michigan University, to name a few. She also served as a member of the Board of Directors for the Metropolitan Detroit Bureau of School Studies, the Cornerstone Development Authority in Southfield, the Oak Park Business and Education Alliance, and the Teacher Education Advisory Board for Baker College in Auburn Hills. She is also active with the Michigan Association of School Administrators and the Michigan Association of School Boards.**

**Dr. Harris is also known for her participation and involvement in civic organizations. She has served on the Board of Directors for the Ann Arbor Community Center and the Huron Valley Girl Scout Council. She has been a member of the Human Rights Commission for the City of Ann Arbor and she was a City Ambassador to Dakar, Senegal. She is currently a member of the Law Enforcement – Citizens Advisory Board for the Washtenaw County Sheriff’s Department.**

**Dr. Harris also works diligently in public service organizations. She is currently a member of the Ann Arbor Chapter of The Links, Inc., and she is an area officer for that organization. She is also active with the Ann Arbor Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., where she currently serves as President.**

**Dr. Harris is the recipient of several awards, with the most recent being the Women of Achievement Award given by Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc. She was also the recipient of the Women of Distinction Award given by the Girl Scouts of the Huron Valley Council, and the Most Influential Women Award presented by *Business Direct Weekly*. She also received the Outstanding Professional Educator Award from the Ann Arbor Club of the National Association of Negro Business and Professional Women’s Club and she was a recipient of the “Women of Courage – Women of Change” award from the Minerva Educational Development Foundation, which is affiliated with the Detroit Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.**

**Dr. Harris was an exchange student to Berkshire College of Education in Reading, England, as well as she was a delegate with other vocational educators who visited China to meet with Chinese officials and educators.**

**Dr. Harris loves to read and travel. She is also an avid walker. Dr. Harris enjoys giving speeches, especially to youth groups.**