

Yvonne B. Acey, Bio

Yvonne B. Acey, a retired Educator with Memphis/ Shelby County Schools, is a former Northside High School

English instructor, Project Specialist with Memphis City Schools and also former President of the Memphis Education Association. She is a graduate of LeMoyne-Owen College (B.A., Humanities) and received a Masters Degree in Special Education and Rehabilitation (University of Memphis). Additionally, Mrs. Acey has completed requirements in Educational Administration and Supervision with 90 ninety hours in Doctoral Studies. Mrs. Acey is married to David L. Acey, Sr. and they have one son, David L. Acey II.

Mrs. Acey's community, civic, educational, professional services, awards and recognitions are numerous and extensive. The Aceys (Yvonne B. and David L. Acey, Sr.) are founders serving as Associate/Executive Directors respectively of Africa In April Cultural Awareness Festival, Inc. where they celebrate an African country annually during the month of April in Memphis, Tennessee. A partial list of Mrs. Acey's affiliations and involvements locally, statewide, regionally, nationally, and internationally include: former President Women Education, Inc., LeMoyne- Owen College Alumni Association, The National Sorority of Phi Delta Kappa, Inc. Beta Eta Chapter, a former Shelby County Election Commissioner, First Vice President of Memphis Kwanzaa International, The National Coalition of 100 Black, Inc. (Board Member) Memphis Education Association Representative, MEA M-PACE Political Action Chair and a finalist for The National Education Association's Dr. Carter G. Woodson Outstanding Educator Award.

Some of Acey's awards and recognitions include the following: 100 Black Women, Inc. Legacy Leadership, State of Tennessee Susan B. Anthony Award, B.C. Powder National Community Leadership, AKA Sorority, Inc. Soror of The Year/ International World Service/ AKA Sorority, Inc. Southeastern Regional Humanitarian, AKA, BEO Chapter," Golden Soror of The Year", Memphis & Shelby County Outstanding Women Who Made A Difference, Center City Commission Vision, Memphis Tri- State Defender Pioneer, Memphis & Shelby County Outstanding Educator, Attorney Ruby Wharton Political Action and Civil Rights Honoree, National Sorority of Phi Delta Kappa, Inc. Outstanding Soror of The Year/ Southeastern Regional Honoree , Westwood Community Youth Service, The National Coalition of 100 Black Women, Outstanding Community Service, The Women of Achievement (Steadfastness), Hattiloo Theatre "Humanitarian Service to Memphis" Award (2013), Tri-State Defender "Best In Black Living Legend" Award (2016), Tri-State Defender "Best In Black Festival" Award (2017), Memphis Black Expo (2016) "Making Memphis History Award", LeMoyne-Owen College National Alumni Association Award, " Top 20 Outstanding lumni" , The "EBEN" Award- The Prestigious World Impact Stone Award (2016), Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., "National First Open Doors Outstanding Achievement Award" (2016), The City of Memphis, " The Memphis Heritage Trailblazer" Award (December 2016) and The Mt. Vernon Baptist Church-Westwood "Legacy Award Celebrating Exemplary Achievement and Success" (April 2017).

Currently, Yvonne B. Acey serves in official capacities with the following organizations- President of the Memphis/

Shelby County Retired Teachers Association (2015-2016), Vice- President of Programs, Memphis Branch ASALH, The Association for the Study of African American Life and History, (2016-2018), 2nd Vice- President of The National Sorority of Phi Delta Kappa, Inc. Beta Eta (2015-2016), President of the National Sorority of Phi Delta Kappa, Inc., Beta Eta (2017-2019), The National Council of Negro Women, Inc., (2015-2016), 2nd Vice President, The National Council of Negro Women, Shelby County Section (2017-2019), National Coalition of 100 Black Women, Inc. (Memphis Chapter) Director of Public Policy, Top Ladies of Distinction Inc. Memphis Chapter, Historian (Memphis Chapter), Connection Co- Chr., Life Member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., Nomination Committee Chair, Beta Epsilon Omega Chapter, LeMoyne- Owen College Alumni Association. Public Relations Co- Chr. and member of the Shelby County Historical Commission.