

Lynda Jackson-Conyers

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Experienced Business Executive and Community Advocate

PROFILE

Experienced business professional who serves as the President & CEO of the Black Excellence Awards/Louvenia Johnson Scholarship Fund, Milwaukee's largest and longest running African American community awards and scholarship program, which has awarded more than \$500,000 to local high school students. Former owner and operator of the Milwaukee Times Weekly Newspaper, Printing and Publishing, the largest black owned print, sign and banner shop in the City of Milwaukee.

EDUCATION

Bachelor of Arts Degree Major: Elementary Education	University of Wisconsin - River Falls Minor: American History	River Falls, Wisconsin Graduated May 1973
Master of Arts Degree Major: Emotional Disturbance	University of Wisconsin - Whitewater Certification in Learning Disabilities	Whitewater, Wisconsin Graduated August 1974

BUSINESS EXPERIENCE

President/CEO (1984-Present) - The Black Excellence Awards/Louvenia Johnson Scholarship Foundation

- Executes the foundation's mission and vision of acknowledging the unspoken heroes within the African American Milwaukee Community
- Developed procedures and resources to promote the foundation name and mission
- Steered the corporate development team and strategic planning

President/CEO (2013 - 2021) - The Milwaukee Times Weekly Newspaper, Printing and Publishing

Publisher (2008 - 2013) - The Milwaukee Times Weekly Newspaper, Printing and Publishing

Chief of Staff (1991 - 2008) - The Milwaukee Times Weekly Newspaper, Printing and Publishing

PROFESSIONAL WORK EXPERIENCE

1985-1991, **Educator, Washington High School**

1984-1985, **Educator, Hampton Elementary School**

1983-1984, **Educator, Wilbur Wright Junior High School**

1975-1982, **Educator, Parkman Junior High School**

Milwaukee Public Schools, Milwaukee, Wisconsin

- Developed and implemented specialized plans for students identified with special needs in elementary, middle and high school
- Represented schools at district leadership meeting and trainings local and national

AWARDS

- Recipient of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated Connection TrailBlazer Award (2002)
- Recipient of Street's of Peace Positive Leadership Award (2004)

- Recipient of Holy Redeemer Community Service Award (2009)
- Recipient of the NAACP Rosa Parks Advocacy, Loyalty and Volunteerism Award (2010)
- Recipient of the Governor's Marketplace Business Awards (2011)
- Recipient of the Central City Award from the Milwaukee Business Journal (2013)
- Recipient of the Milwaukee Urban League Community Impact Award (2024)

ORGANIZATIONS/COMMUNITY SERVICE

- Board Member, Franciscan Peacemakers
- Board Member, African American Women's Center of Wisconsin (AAWC)
- Member, North Central Service Club
- Member, Black Women's Network
- Member, Milwaukee Press Club
- Member, Pastor's United
- Member, Milwaukee North Sunrise Rotary Club
- Member, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated
- President, Soroptimist Organization
- Member, Top Ladies of Distinction
- Member, The Milwaukee Urban League Guild
- Member, National Association of the Advancement for Colored People (NAACP)
- Member, Eta Phi Beta Sorority, Incorporated
- Member, Historic King Drive BID #8
- Member, Operation Dream
- Member, Zonta
- Member, Faculty and Students Together - Economic Emergency Fund for MATC students (F.A.S.T)
- Member, American Association of University Women (AAUW)
- Member, Community Baptist Church of Greater Milwaukee
- Volunteer, MacCannon Brown Homeless Shelter