

Dr. Jasper Salmond Community Service

Dr. Jasper Salmond is a native of Camden, South Carolina, where he completed his public school education for his elementary and high school years. He received a B.A. degree in Education from Benedict College, Columbia, SC, as a magna cum laude graduate. While at Benedict College, he served as Student Body President and was a member of the Alpha Kappa Mu Honor Society. Dr. Salmond received a M.A. degree in Educational Supervision and Administration from the Teachers College, of Columbia University, in New York. He completed further graduate studies in Atlanta, GA, the University of South Carolina's Extension Program Services, and the Xerox Operational Management Training School in Lynchburg, VA.

Dr. Salmond's professional career includes service as a public school teacher, junior high school assistant principal, and principal of three elementary schools in the former Columbia Public School System that was renamed Richland County School District One. He served in the armed forces stationed in Europe as a non-commissioned military police officer for the United States Army. In 1972, Dr Salmond initiated a career change by joining Wilbur Smith Associates, a full-service transportation and infrastructure consulting firm.

He is listed as "Who's Who Among African Americans" and maintains life membership in the NAACP. Dr. Salmond is a former member of the Board of Directors of the Palmetto Health Alliance, the Greater Columbia Chamber of Commerce Board, and the Carolina First Bank Board. He has also served as past president of the South Carolina Schools Board Association, the Columbia Kiwanis Club, and the National School Boards Association Planning Committee. Dr. Salmond has chaired the American Red Cross Central South Carolina Chapter Board of Directors, the National Red Cross Board Nomination and Election Committee, and the Richland County School District One Board of Commissioners. He has additional service as the local and national president of the Benedict College Alumni Association and the National Alumni Association. Dr. Salmond remains active in many organizations and service groups such as the United Way of the Midlands, the Central Carolina Community Foundation, the American Diabetes Association, the Midlands Technical College Commission, the Greater Columbia Community Relations Council, and the Cultural Council of Richland and Lexington Counties, among others.

Dr. Salmond has received numerous awards and recognitions for his leadership and community service. He received an Honorary Doctorate of Humane Letters conferred by Benedict College in 1999 as a distinguished scholar and educator, the distinction as one of "Five Men of the Decade" in January 2000 by Columbia's Metropolitan Magazine, the Order of the Palmetto, South Carolina's highest State Award in 2002, the 2003 Global Vision Award, South Carolina's distinguished International Award by the Columbia World Affairs Council, and the African American Achievement Award in 2005 by the March of Dimes. Other awards include "Man of the Year" by the Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc., the Benedict College Lula Gambrell Award, Outstanding Alumnus Award in the Corporate Community, Outstanding South Carolinian by a House of Representatives Resolution, two Presidential Citation awards by the National Association for Equal Opportunity in Higher Education, the initial Charles Drew Award given by the Central South Carolina Red Cross Chapter, and the Martin Luther King, Jr. Outstanding Educational Achievement Award from the Northeast Columbia Alliance of Churches.

Dr. Salmond is married to his college sweetheart Thelma Brooks Salmond. They have two children, Jeryl, Senior Vice President with Morgan Stanley/Smith Barney, and Jenita, entrepreneur and hair salon co-owner. They also have nine grandchildren and seven great grandchildren. On May 25, 2010 they will celebrate their 56th wedding anniversary. He currently serves as the Chairman of the Deacon Board at the First Calvary Baptist Church and is a lifetime member of the Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc.