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Norwida Marshall

— Woman of the Year —

Professional Life

2003

In 1958 Norwida Marshall earned a Bachelor's Degree in Education at Tuskegee University and began her extensive career as an elementary teacher and supervisor in Pennsylvania. Later she obtained a doctoral degree at the University of Tennessee and amassed credentials in the fields of teaching, writing, curriculum, and program development.

She served as professor of education at Oakwood College and Alabama A & M University. She holds the distinction of being both the first woman and first woman of color to be named Associate Director of Education in the Southern Union. Here she developed an impressive array of innovative curricular materials for both elementary and early

childhood education. When reading scores needed improving union wide, Norwida was the key developer of ARMS (Adventist Reading Management System) and assisted in developing fifteen levels of K-8 reading books that are used not only in the Southern Union but in the North American Division as well.



Her goal of developing curriculum from concept to completion is evidenced in her contributions as initiator and consultant for the science/health series, music programs, teaching in small schools, a home and school manual, the Gateway to Reading series, teacher and program award projects, computer and technology teacher training, and Bible

programs. She travels widely in both the North American and world divisions, instructing and training personnel and evaluating schools and colleges.

Norwida is esteemed for promoting an initiative and providing leadership and policy development for seventy-two Early Childhood Education Centers. Herein she created procedural manuals, curriculum materials, handbooks, and advisory and steering committees.

She has been voted Outstanding Educator in America and was given the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists "Award of Excellence." As a consummate professional for thirty-six years, Norwida has significantly improved the quality of education in Adventist schools.

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