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Jamye M. Merritt was born in Nashville, Tennessee to Vera Patrick Merritt and the late James C. Merritt. She is the older of two, with one sister Jacqueline. A product of the Metropolitan Nashville Public School (MNPS) system, Jamye holds a doctorate degree from Tennessee State University and worked for more than 20 years in MNPS as a classroom teacher, community education coordinator, and guidance counselor. She is currently employed by the California Teachers Association working to ensure a quality public education for all children, while improving salaries, working conditions and benefits for teachers.

A graduate of the National Education Association Intern Program, Merritt formerly served as the president, vice-president, and treasurer of the Metropolitan Nashville Education Association, as the secretary-treasurer of the National Council of Urban Educators Association, and in a myriad of other roles within education at the local, state and national levels. She is a graduate of Tennessee Leadership and Leadership Nashville, a former president-elect of the Madison Chamber of Commerce, a life member of Tennessee State University Alumni Association and Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, a current member of the Tennessee State Foundation Board, a member of Links Incorporated, and a 2002 “Top 40 Under 40” leader according to *The Tennessean*. Dr. Merritt attends Central United Methodist Church and enjoys reading and traveling.