

## ***Dr. Carletta J Harlan, EdD***

Dr. Carletta J. Harlan is a native of Mt. Pleasant, Tennessee, a community referred to in its heyday as the Phosphate Center of the World. She attended Clarke Elementary and High School in Mt. Pleasant, a segregated school community, and furthered her education at Tennessee State University, Nashville, Tennessee where she majored in Home Economics. Always a student active in campus life and student government, Dr. Harlan broke racial barriers in her curriculum area when she was elected a Vice Chair of the Tennessee Home Economics Association (student organization). She was crowned *Lady of the Lamp* for her scholarship and leadership in the Home Economics Department at Tennessee State University. Dr. Harlan was a member of the university's honors program, an active member of the Alpha Psi Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated, and president of her senior class. In 1989, Dr. Harlan organized and spearheaded a homecoming reunion titled '*A 60'S Celebration*' to honor and celebrate legacies of alums of the 1960's.

Academic achievements for Dr. Harlan were recognized in both Tennessee and Missouri. Dr. Harlan attained the Bachelor of Science Degree [B.S.] in Home Economics, and the Masters Degree [M.S.] in Home Economics Education from Tennessee State University. Post graduate studies in St. Louis, Missouri included a Specialist Degree [EdS.] and a Doctoral Degree [EdD.] in Educational Administration from Saint Louis University, St. Louis, Missouri. Dr. Harlan taught at William Beaumont High School in St. Louis, MO, and at Parkway Schools in Chesterfield, MO. She is currently an Assistant Principal at Parkway Central High School.

Over the years, Dr. Harlan has been actively engaged in a number of professional pursuits and organizations. Among the affiliations and professional endeavors are CEO/President of *C J Harlan, Ltd.*, President/Secretary of *The Start Hummin' Foundation*, a Board Member of *The Talking Drum Foundation*, and a Board Member of *Crime Victims Advocacy Center of St. Louis*. She is a member of *The Links, Incorporated* and a past president of *The Links, Incorporated Gateway (Illinois-Missouri) Chapter*, the only Bi-state chapter of the international organization.

Dr. Harlan has always been a supporter of Tennessee State University. Her love of and loyalty to the university is demonstrated in her alumni work. Dr. Harlan is a life member of the Tennessee State University Alumni Association, and a past president of the Greater St. Louis Chapter of The Tennessee State University Alumni Association. She uses her position as an educator as a platform to encourage high school scholars to be a matriculated student at the university. Since 2010, Dr. Harlan has been a member in good standing of the Tennessee State University Foundation Board of Trustees. She is a faithful member of The New Sunny Mount Missionary Baptist Church in St. Louis, Missouri.