

DR. DELORES HENDERSON

2018 Annie Coleman Singleton Award Recipient



Dr. Delores Henderson is a recently retired school administrator with St. Paul Public Schools. She was the longest sitting administrator in the State of Minnesota with 46 years of distinguished service. As an employee of St. Paul Public Schools, she was a teacher, Administrator on Special Assignment, supervisor of teachers, and was school administrator in 16 different schools in St. Paul Public Schools.

Dr. Henderson served over 20,000 students and families during her career. She was dedicated, committed and passionate in making a difference in the lives of the children, families and communities of which she was a part. Dr. Henderson has been a long-time advocate for children, serving as their voice for change and opportunities for excellence in education. She was also an Assistant Superintendent with South St. Paul Public Schools. In addition, Dr. Henderson has served as an instructor at Hamline University, Metropolitan State University and the University of Minnesota.

In addition to degrees from Wilberforce University (Ohio) and an earned doctorate from the University of Minnesota, she also received an Honorary Doctorate of Human Letters from Macalester College (Minnesota). Dr. Henderson has served on multiple community boards in a variety of capacities: United/Children Hospital Board, Regions Hospital Board, University of Minnesota/Fairview Hospital Board, St. John's University Board of Regents, Mardag Foundation, Catholic Charities, St Paul Urban League, NAACP, Minnesota Elementary School Principals Board of Directors and many other local and national boards. Additionally, she has led an international organization, The Links, Incorporated, at the Area level for 5 years. She is also chartered member of the Minneapolis/St. Paul Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated.

Dr. Henderson has received numerous awards including Minnesota National Principal of the Year, the Martin Luther King, Jr., Spurgeon Award, National Courageous Conversations Award, St. Paul Foundation's Facing Race Ambassador Award, the United Negro College Fund Award for Educational Excellence and the International Paul Price Award from New Zealand. Dr. Henderson is a frequent orator both nationally, as well as locally.

Now, Dr. Henderson is a first recipient of the Annie Coleman Singleton Award, an honor that the brothers of Gamma Xi Lambda are thrilled to bestow upon her.