

Ms. Wright, a Jacksonville native, graduated from William M. Raines High School and University of North Florida. Ms. Wright served Duval County Public Schools for over twenty-five years as a teacher, assistant principal, principal, and district leader, including Chief of Schools. While serving as the Region Superintendent over the Duval Transformation Region which was comprised of 36 of the lowest performing schools in Duval County, Ms. Wright's leadership led 85% of those schools to exit priority status and the state sanction list. As Chief of Schools Ms. Wright was instrumental in improving the overall percentage of school graded as an A, B or C from 75% to 89%.

In 2008, Ms. Wright was appointed as turn-around principal of Andrew Jackson High School, which was ranked as the lowest performing school in the state of Florida in 2011. Through her transformational leadership, Andrew Jackson High School increased the school letter grade from an "F" in the 2008-09 school year to a "B" in the 2011-12 school year. While a principal, Ms. Wright also assisted school leadership teams with developing and implementing School Improvement Plans and mentored new principals as a part of the Florida Turnaround Leaders Program. Her work was recognized by Governor Bush in an article he wrote for the Kennedy School Review: Harvard's Kennedy School's Public Policy Journal ("Jeb Bush on Education Reform in America." The Kennedy School Review, 4 Dec. 2013. Web. 29 July 2015. <http://harvardkennedyschoolreview.com/jeb-bush-on-education-reform-in-america/>).

Many important figures in education have contributed tremendously to education, inspiring the rest of us. Iranetta Wright, a principal in Jacksonville, was assigned to the worst performing high school in Florida. She transformed a perennial F school to a B school, and she now helps other principals improve their schools. Wright advises these principals, "You have to be relentless about it, and it's not for the faint of heart." We must heed her words and champion our students.

Ms. Wright was recognized in Washington, DC as a City Year Champion of Education in 2016 as well as by the United Negro College Fund in 2015 as an Innovator in Education. A sought out expert in her field, Ms. Wright has served on numerous panels and as the guest speaker at engagements to discuss the importance of education and the role of leaders as educational advocates including the Council of Great City Schools' 59th and 60th Annual Fall Conferences (October 2015 and October 2016) and the Women in Leadership Conference (2015). Ms. Wright is touted for her honest, no-nonsense approach to giving students the very best. Ms. Wright still believes, as stated by then Governor Bush, that the work of school and district transformation is not the faint of heart. She recognizes and accepts all challenges with an unmatched tenacity.

Ms. Wright is a member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. and also served the Jacksonville community as a past board member of Jack and Jill of America's Jacksonville chapter, the UNCF Leadership Council, the Clara White Mission and the Florida Humanities Council.

Currently Ms. Wright serves as a member of the National Task Force for Trial Urban District Assessments (TUDA).

For all of her accomplishments, Ms. Wright is most proud to be the mother of two daughters. She aims to live her life so they can be equally as proud of her as she is of them