

CHERELLE L. PARKER

STATE REPRESENTATIVE - 200TH DISTRICT/ CHAIR – PA HOUSE – PHILADELPHIA DELEGATION

PROFILE:

Youngest African American woman ever elected to the Pennsylvania House of Representatives and one of the most results-oriented and politically savvy legislators in the tri-state region. Strong organizational, strategic planning and oratorical skills. Reputation for diligence, self-motivation, coalition building, progressive leadership, follow-through and service orientation.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE:

Pennsylvania House of Representatives
Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
State Representative – 200th Legislative District (Sept. 2005-Present)

Represents approximately 60,000 residents in the Mt. Airy, Chestnut Hill, Roxborough and Andorra sections of Philadelphia in the Pennsylvania General Assembly.

Office of Councilwoman Marian B. Tasco
City Council of Philadelphia
Special Assistant to the Majority Whip (Nov. 2001-July 2005)

Oversee the implementation of all economic and community development projects in the Ninth Councilmanic District. Research and write position papers, speeches, and public statements on various topics. Assist in the development of legislative initiatives sponsored by the Councilwoman and manage all aspects of communication with the media relative to the Ninth District. Represent the Councilwoman at community meetings and serve as the liaison for civic and political leaders in the Ninth District for Councilwoman Tasco.

Office of Councilwoman Marian B. Tasco
City Council of Philadelphia (June 1995-Nov.2001)
Public Relations/Special Projects Coordinator

Manage daily communications with media relative to Councilwoman Tasco while monitoring issues involving local government initiatives. Coordinate and facilitate community activities for constituents of the Ninth Councilmanic District. Represent and manage the Councilwoman's involvement on various boards and commissions. Research and write position papers, speeches and public statements for the Councilwoman. Participate and coordinate ceremonial events relating to City Council. Provide general constituent services.

Pleasantville High School, Pleasantville, NJ (Sept. 1994-June1995)

Certified Secondary English Teacher

Taught New Jersey English curriculum to high school students. Managed daily operations and duties associated with maintaining a disciplined classroom while utilizing effective and creative teaching strategies to engage students in a meaningful pursuit of education and an understanding of English Literature.

EDUCATION/PROFESSIONAL

CERTIFICATIONS:

Fellowship to Chile & Argentina, Women's Leadership Program, Eisenhower Fellowships, (2010)
Honorary Doctorate of Divinity, Lutheran Theological Seminary, (2009)
Certificate of Completion, Senior Executives in State and Local Government, Executive Education,
Harvard University ~ Kennedy School of Government, (2008)
Certificate of Completion, Leadership Philadelphia, (2008)
Delegate to Australia, American Council of Young Political Leaders (ACYPL), (2006)
Executive Education Certificate, University of Virginia ~ Darden School of Business
Emerging Political Leaders Program, (2006)
Bachelor of Science Degree, English Education, Lincoln University, Oxford, PA, (1994)
Certification, Teacher of English, New Jersey Department of Education, (1994)
Certificate of Completion, Law Education & Teaching Project, Temple University, (1989)

**PROFESSIONAL, COLLEGIATE
AND SOCIAL AFFILIATIONS:**

Elected Chair, Philadelphia Delegation, PA House of Representatives, (2011-present)
Vice Chair/Dem. Chair, Select Committee on School Safety, PA House of Representatives (present)
Vice Chair, Democratic Policy Committee, PA House of Representatives, (present)
Member, Appropriations Committee, PA House of Representatives, (present)
Member, Labor & Industry, PA House of Representatives, (present)
Member, Professional Licensure Committee, PA House of Representatives, (present)
Member, Rules, PA House of Representatives, (present)
Member, Transportation, Chair – Subcom. on Public Transportation, PA House of Representatives, (present)
Co-Founder & Member, State Legislators Against Illegal Guns (SLAIG), (2008-present)
Member, Board of Trustees, Lincoln University, (present)
Member, Advisory Board, PennSERVE, (present)
Member, Board of Directors, Leadership Philadelphia, (present)
Member, Board of Directors, PA Women's Campaign Fund, (former)
Member, Board of Directors, Legacy of Love Foundation, Inc., (former)
Member, National Coalition of 100 Black Women, PA Chapter, (present)
Member, National Congress of Black Women – Philadelphia Section, (present)
Member, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., (present)
Delegate, Democratic National Convention - Denver, Colorado, (2008)
1st Vice Chair, 50th Ward Democratic Executive Committee, (present)
Member, African American Task Force, Philabundance, (former)
Member, Friends of the Ogontz Avenue Revitalization Corporation (FOARC), (Former)
Member, Lincoln University Alumni Association, (present)
Member, Kappa Delta Pi Education Honor Society, (former)
President, Lincoln University Student Government Association, (former)

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**AWARDS, COMMENDATIONS
AND ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENTS:**

Award, Moorish Science Temple of America, Distinguished Service Award, 2014
Award, African Genesis Institute, Dr. Edward Robinson, Jr. Medallion Award, 2013
Award, Planned Parenthood of Southeastern Pennsylvania, Freedom Keeper Award, 2012
Award, Urban Affairs Coalition, Dream Catchers' Award, 2012
Award, First Annual Louise Williams Bishop Women in Politics Breakfast, A Leader on the Rise, 2010
Award, Rising Star, EMILY's List, 2009
Selected, MS Leadership Class, National Multiple Sclerosis Society, 2009
Selected, One of 40 under 40 to Watch, Philadelphia Business Journal, 2009
Selected, Most Influential African Americans in Phila., Philadelphia Tribune, 2006-2013
Selected, Area's 101 Connectors, Leadership Philadelphia's Connector Project, 2006 & 2008
Award, Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, African American Women Achievers, 2008
Award, Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Phenomenal Women, Rho Chapter, 2008
Award, Legends in Making, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., Philadelphia Alumnae Chapter, 2007
Award, Frank "Tick" Coleman Outstanding Alumni, Lincoln University Alumni Association, 2007
Award, Envisioning the Dream – Black History Maker, Radio-One & Verizon, 2007
Award, Woman of Distinction, TEENSHOP Inc., 2006
Award, Movers & Shakers in Philadelphia, American Women's Heritage Society, 2006
Award, David P. Richardson Future Leader, School District of Philadelphia, 2005
Award, Outstanding Community Service, Greater Philadelphia Asian Social Services, 2004
Certificate of Participation, Grace TEENSHOP of Germantown, 2004
Award, Outstanding Community Service, Philadelphia Youth Summit Committee, 1999
Certificate of Excellence, Lincoln University Alumni Association, 1998
Award, Rising Star, Lincoln University Founder's Day Celebration, 1998
Award, Outstanding Community Service, Oak Lane Youth Association, 1998
National Recognition, Outstanding Young Woman of America 31st Edition, 1997
Award, Outstanding Community Service/Co-Coordinator, Philadelphia Youth Summit, 1997
Certificate of Recognition, School District of Philadelphia/McCloskey Network, 1997
Award, Best Teacher – 2nd Place (Student Issued), Pleasantville High School Student Body, 1995
Who's Who Among Students in American Colleges and Universities, 1994
Award, Most Likely to Succeed, Lincoln University Student Body, 1992
Dean's List, Lincoln University, 12/1991 – 5/1993 – 5/1994

**POLITICAL TRAINING/
CAMPAIGN EXPERIENCE:**

Member, Dwight Evans for Mayor Campaign Committee, 2007
Center for Progressive Leadership, Campaign Training Seminar, 2005
Campaign Training Seminar, EMILY'S List, 2004
Campaign Training Seminar, Campaigns & Elections Magazine, 1998
Campaign School, Pennsylvania Women's Campaign Fund, June 1998
Member, Marian B. Tasco for City Council Campaign Committee, 1994-present
Member, Dwight Evans for Governor Campaign Committee, 1994
Volunteer, Chaka Fattah for Congress Campaign Committee, 1991

(REFERENCES FURNISHED UPON REQUEST)