

Doris Wilson was born in Danville, VA and was the sixth of seven children. She graduated from Langston High School and went on to Morgan State University where she received a BA in Education. Her post-graduate work included a MA from the University of Connecticut, and further study at University of Pennsylvania, University of Virginia, Virginia Tech, and Virginia State.

She began her career in Danville Public Schools in 1956 at Langston High School teaching history and later became a guidance counselor.

In August of 1970, Danville, Virginia embarked on a new era in education as its schools would be totally desegregated. During that school year, Ms. Wilson began teaching at George Washington High School and named Teacher of the Year by the Future Teachers of America in 1971. She went on to be a guidance counselor and Assistant Principal at GW before moving to Langston Junior High as the principal. To enhance her skills as an educator, she was a member of Phi Delta Kappa, the National Association of Secondary Principals and the National Education Association. Throughout her service and many roles in the Danville Public School System, Ms. Wilson found joy in working with children and encouraging them to pursue their education.

A tireless advocate for education and the community, Ms. Wilson has served on many boards, including the YWCA, the Danville Public School Education Foundation, the Memorial Hospital Board, and the Social Services Advisory Board (2002-2014). She was a member of the Danville Community College Pathways to Regional Success 2019-2020 Committee, the Dan River Region Vision- Quality of Life Task Force, and the Tri-Focus Task Force-DRMC.

She was also appointed to the Danville School Board from 2001-2004 and is a member of the Danville Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. Ms. Wilson is a lifelong member of Loyal Baptist Church where she also teaches Sunday School. She is a deaconess and has served as chairman of the Board of Christian Education and President of the General Missionary Circle. For several years she was a member of Bible Study Fellowship at St. Luke Methodist Church.

Ms. Wilson firmly believes that education should be valued and that pursuing a career in education is a noble endeavor that can impact generations.

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