

L. Denise Wells

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L. D. Wells is an author, educator and motivational speaker with over 25 years of experience in leadership, public relations and professional development in educational, government, corporate, arts and entertainment sectors. She is a highly sought-after keynote, host, moderator, facilitator and panelist known for crafting inspirational and transformative messages for both in-person and online platforms.



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Denise, hails from Atlanta, Georgia. She matriculated through the Atlanta Public School System and went on to attend the University of Georgia where she received a Bachelor of Arts Degree in English. L.D. also obtained a Master of Arts Degree in Education with emphasis in Instructional Technology – graduating from her program Summa Cum Laude with a 4.0 GPA. She currently serves as the Executive Director of Public Relations and Communications for Columbus Technical College and is responsible for delivering both consistent and responsive messaging to target audiences. Denise is a John C. Maxwell certified speaker and coach who also has a rich history of teaching online courses in local government program policy and is skilled at providing instructional learning in online, classroom, and seminar style formats.

Denise operates under the pen name of "L. D." and her first published work is that as Author and Co-Editor of the award-winning “An Anthology of Sisterhood” – a compilation of more than 100 original poems, essays, short stories and lyrics commissioned from twenty-two dynamic women who are all joined by their membership in Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. This 2013 publication, with its forward written by the late, legendary Ruby Dee, was named as an African American Literary and Indie Award nominee. Additionally, the tremendous exposure of the project has garnered the author a spot as a Delta Authors on Tour, has received a Visionary Award from the Black Women in Jazz and Fine Arts project in 2015 and added the 2016 Best Publication in Print from the Writers Ball to her list of accolades. Most recently, she presented a commissioned chronicle to the Rockdale section of the National Council for Negro Women (NCNW) and in 2020 became a Core Team/Charter Member of the NW Georgia section. Also, her work has also been deemed as required reading for a popular Ethnic Studies course taught at Santa Barbara College in California.

In 2018, L.D. and her business partner became co-benefactors of the Ruby Dee Legacy of Sisterhood Endowed Chair Scholarship – a prestigious merit-based award given annually to an African American female collegiate or graduate student majoring in one of the Humanities. This prestigious endowed scholarship through the Delta Research and Education Foundation (DREF) has its winner personally selected each year by the Dee-Davis Family.

L.D. was initiated into Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. (DST) through the Zeta Psi Chapter at UGA in Winter 1994. She dutifully served as Collegiate Chaplain from 1994-1996 setting the spiritual tone of the local organization. She is now President of the Zeta Psi Alumnae group which oversaw the creation of over \$240K in scholarship funding for UGA. She is a member of the Douglas-Carroll-Paulding (DCP) Alumnae Chapter where she has been nominated as 2020 Soror of the Year. In 2014, she was awarded the DCP Chapter’s esteemed Regal Award for outstanding Arts and Letters contributions to the Douglas-Carroll-Paulding community. Currently, she served as Co-Chair of the Arts and Letters Committee – which, under her leadership, in 2016 won the DST Southern Region Program of the Year award and DCP 2020 Committee of the Year.

Denise maintains board memberships through several local, national and statewide entities. This first-gen graduate now serves as the first African American member of the Board of Advisors for UGA's Franklin College of Arts and Sciences. She has also been appointed to the Board of Visitors for her alma mater and was recently inducted into the institution's esteemed Heritage Society. She also led Diversity, Equity and Inclusion efforts as board member and inaugural DEI chair for the Georgia Professional Human Services Association (GPHSA).

In her spare time, she has volunteered with the Dwight D. and Sheryl H. Howard Foundation, served as the Cobb County Liaison for the Metro-Atlanta UGA Alumni Association, contributed as a charter member of the UGA Black Alumni Affinity Group, and participated with the National Association of Professional Women. She is also the proud and devoted mother to one son, Devon.

Philosophy: Accept no less than you desire . . . Give no less than you require.