

Biographical Description for The HistoryMakers® Video Oral History with Charles D. Moody, Sr.

PERSON

Moody, Charles D. (Charles David), 1932-

Alternative Names: Charles D. Moody, Sr.; No Ph.D.

Life Dates: August 30, 1932-March 2, 2019

Place of Birth: Baton Rouge, Louisiana, USA

Residence: Las Vegas, NV

Occupations: Academic Administrator

Biographical Note

Educator and college administrator Charles Moody, Sr. was born August 30, 1932 in East Baton Rouge Parish, Louisiana. His mother, Rosetta, came from Woodville, Mississippi and his father, James N. Moody, came from Belize. Moody attended Scott Street and Perkins Elementary Schools; finished the 8th grade at McKinley High School and graduated from Southern University Lab High School in 1950. Earning his B.S. degree in chemistry from Central State University in 1954, Moody received a commission in the United States Army. After basic training, he married Christella Parks, also an educator and Central State graduate. In 1961, Moody received his master's of science education degree from Chicago Teachers College. He received his Ph.D. in educational administration from Northwestern University in 1971.

After starting his career as teacher, in 1968 Moody became superintendent of the Harvey, Illinois Public Schools. Joining the education faculty of the University of Michigan in 1970, Moody worked as chairman of the School of Education Specialists, School of Education, director of the Program for Educational Opportunity in 1970, director of the Project for Fair Administration of School Discipline in 1975, director of the Center for Sex Equity in Schools in 1981, vice provost for Minority Affairs in 1987, executive director of the South African Initiative Office and in 1997, he became vice provost emeritus and professor emeritus. Moody worked as superintendent of searches for Hazard Young and Attea from 1987 to 2002.

Moody's 1970 dissertation on black superintendents resulted in the formation of the National Alliance of Black School Educators, (NABSE.) Today, NABSE has 6,000 members and 125 affiliates across the United States. Honored as NABSE founder, and as a distinguished graduate of Central State University and Northwestern University, Moody lives in retirement with his wife in Las Vegas, Nevada. The Charles D. Moody

and Christella D. Moody South African Initiative Fund was established in their honor to actively involve the University of Michigan community with the development of South Africa. The University of Michigan established the Charles D. Moody, Sr. Collegiate Professorship in Psychology and Education in September 2011.

Related Entries

Perkins Road Elementary School [STUDENTOF]

[from ? to ?]

Scott Street Elementary School [STUDENTOF]

[from ? to ?]

Northwestern University [STUDENTOF]

[from ? to ?]

Ph.D.

Chicago State University [STUDENTOF]

[from ? to ?]

master's degree

McKinley Senior High School [STUDENTOF]

[from ? to ?]

Southern University Laboratory School [STUDENTOF]

[from ? to ?]

Central State University [STUDENTOF]

[from ? to ?]

B.S.

Evanston School District [EMPLOYEEOF]

[from ? to ?]

teacher

Harvey, Illinois Public Schools [EMPLOYEEOF]

[from 197408 to 197906]

Superintendent

University of Michigan [EMPLOYEEOF]

[from 1970 to ?]

**Department of Education Faculty, Chairman of the School of Education
Specialists, Director of the Program for Educational Opportunity**

University of Michigan [EMPLOYEEOF]

[from 1975 to ?]

Director of the Project for Fair Administration of School Discipline

University of Michigan [EMPLOYEEOF]

[from 1981 to ?]

Director of the Center for Sex Equity in Schools

University of Michigan [EMPLOYEEOf]

[from 1987 to ?]

Vice Provost for Minority Affairs, Executive Director of the South African Initiative Office

Hazard, Young, Attea & Associates [EMPLOYEEOf]

[from 1987 to 2002]

Superintendent of Searches

University of Michigan [EMPLOYEEOf]

[from ? to ?]

Vice Provost Emeritus and Professor Emeritus

Omega Psi Phi [MEMBEROf]

[from ? to ?]

Member

Sigma Pi Phi [MEMBEROf]

[from ? to ?]

Member

National Alliance of Black School Educators [MEMBEROf]

[from 1970 to ?]

Founder