

Biographical Description for The HistoryMakers® Video Oral History with Loann Honesty King

PERSON

King, Loann Julia Honesty

Alternative Names: Loann Honesty King;

Life Dates: December 10, 1940-

Place of Birth: Chicago, Illinois, USA

Residence: Chicago, Illinois

Occupations: Program Administrator; Educator

Biographical Note

Educational expert Loann Julia Honesty King was born on December 10, 1940 in Chicago, Illinois to Elizabeth and Edward Honesty. Her brother is Edward F. Honesty, Jr. King attended Englewood High School in Chicago. In 1961, she married Chicago contractor and executive Paul J. King, Jr. They have two adult sons, Paul J. King, III and Timothy J. King. King received her B.A. degree in education in 1963 from Chicago Teachers College (now Chicago State University). She did graduate work at Northeastern Illinois University and received her M.A. degree in inner-city studies in 1971.

King began a highly respected career as a teacher and counselor in the Chicago Public Schools in 1963, and became a program development consultant for the U.S. Department of Education in 1976. Her dedication to youth enrichment continued as she became the Associate Director of Jobs for Youth Chicago in 1980. She also worked as a grant coordinator for the Illinois Community College Board, Malcolm X College and City-Wide College. Committed to the growth of Chicago-area community colleges, King served in several capacities at Olive-Harvey College beginning in 1987, including serving as Dean of Instruction and Dean of Career Programs. She moved on to become Dean of Instruction at Kennedy-King College in 2001, where she also served as Vice President of Student Services and Enrollment Management. She retired from her position as Vice President at Kennedy-King in 2003.

King is a dedicated member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. She was initiated into the Beta Chapter in Chicago in 1959. She serves as Chairman of the International Program Committee and has also authored two editions of a history of the Sorority's Central Region. She also served the Sorority as National Treasurer and Central Regional Director, among many other positions. She is also a member of The Links,

Inc.

King has sat on the boards of numerous community organizations including the Jane Adams Hull House Foundation, Parkway Community House (served as President) and the HRDI (Human Resources Development Institute). She currently serves on the boards of the Chicago Community Trust African American Legacy Initiative (founding member) and Urban Prep Academies, where her son Timothy is the founder and CEO. She has been honored extensively, by organizations such as Ebony Magazine, the U.S. Department of Education, Englewood High School Alumni Hall of Fame, Olive-Harvey College, Kennedy-King College, the American Association of Women in Community Colleges, and the University of South Carolina and Houghton Mifflin. Loann and her husband established the Loann and Paul King Philanthropic Fund in 2001, with Chicago Community Trust, becoming the Trust's first family donor advised fund established by African Americans.

King was interviewed by The HistoryMakers on February 6, 2008 as part of the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority's Centennial Boulé 2008 100 year celebration. Segments of these interviews were used in a DVD entitled A.K.A. Sorority: A Legacy of Supreme Service.

Related Entries

Chicago State University [STUDENTOF]
[from ? to ?]

Englewood High School [STUDENTOF]
[from ? to ?]

William W. Carter Elementary School [STUDENTOF]
[from ? to ?]

Jacob H. Carruthers Center for Inner City Studies [STUDENTOF]
[from ? to ?]

Master's

Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. [EMPLOYEEOF]
[from ? to ?]

Treasurer, Central Regional Director

Chicago Public Schools [EMPLOYEEOF]
[from ? to ?]

Teacher; Counselor

Illinois Community College Board [EMPLOYEEOF]
[from ? to ?]

Grant Administrator

City Colleges of Chicago [EMPLOYEEOF]
[from ? to 2003]

Administrator/Vice President

Jobs for Youth/Chicago, Inc. [EMPLOYEEOf]
[from 1980 to ?]

Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority [MEMBEROf]
[from ? to ?]

Member, Treasurer, Central Regional Director

[MEMBEROf]
[from ? to ?]