

# Zenobia Edwards, Ed.D.



Zenobia Edwards, Ed.D has fulfilled many roles in the education arena. From science teacher to alternative school principal; from college dean to business owner, Dr. Edwards' 20 plus years of education administration experience helped propel her as one of the leading authorities on school leadership and program development, especially as it relates to at-risk students. Dr. Edwards also worked as a school partnership manager with College Summit, Inc., a nonprofit that has helped 35,000 low-income high school seniors navigate the college application process.

In 2003, Dr. Edwards co- founded, I Am B.E.A.U.T.I.F.U.L., Inc., an award-winning educational enrichment nonprofit organization dedicated to building self-esteem and leadership capability in girls and women of all ages. Through coaching and workshops, these women sharpen their strengths and abilities to overcome obstacles and achieve success in life by focusing on educational, skill and personal development.

Dr. Edwards was the Founding Dean of Metropolitan College at Johnson C. Smith University in Charlotte, North Carolina. This college was organized in 2009 and boasted its first graduates in 2013. The adult graduating class contained ten members, nine of whom graduated with honors. As an educational and personal development consultant, Dr. Edwards shows individuals and educational institutions how to become more effective. She received her Ed.D. in Education Administration from Nova Southeastern University with doctoral research on "Strategic Planning and At-Risk Student Development." She received her Master of Science in Biological Science and Education Specialist in Administration degrees from Converse College, and she holds a Bachelor of Science in Biological Science from Wofford College.

As an engaging conference and keynote speaker, Dr. Edwards has delivered motivational presentations to professional associations, community groups and private and public organizations. She has also authored several publications about at-risk students. Dr. Edwards is a gifted musician and song writer. She has composed and performed several original musical vocal compositions. One of her music compositions debuted on a nationally syndicated radio program to promote the release of *Move Without the Ball*, a compelling book and inspirational guide by *New York Times* bestselling author Stedman Graham.