

Biographical Description for The HistoryMakers® Video Oral History with Evern D. Cooper Epps

PERSON

Cooper Epps, Evern D.

Alternative Names: Evern D. Cooper Epps; Evern Cooper

Life Dates: , -

Place of Birth: Clarendon, Arkansas, USA

Residence: Atlanta, GA

Occupations: Corporate Executive

Biographical Note

Corporate executive Evern D. Cooper was born in Clarendon, Arkansas. Cooper earned a B.A. degree in English and journalism from Michigan State University. Initially, she worked as a high school teacher. She returned to MSU to earn her master's degree, and in 1974, she took a part-time job at United Parcel Service to help pay the bills. She later continued her education at Emory and Harvard Universities.

As a young trainee at UPS, Cooper drove a UPS delivery truck. Through hard work, she climbed the corporate ladder assuming positions in strategic planning, delivery information, training, and business development. She also continued her graduate studies at the Harvard University School of Business. Since 1992, Cooper has worked with the UPS Foundation, the charitable arm of the multi-billion dollar corporation. She was appointed president of the Foundation in 1998, and today she also serves as vice president of UPS Corporate Relations.

At UPS, Cooper has successfully implemented the global philanthropic programs of the UPS Foundation and directs the many corporate relations and community service initiatives of UPS. Under her leadership, the Foundation, one of the largest contributors to the United Way, has increased its support of programs in the critical areas of literacy, hunger relief, and nationwide volunteerism. Additionally, UPS donates tens of millions to charitable organizations around the world.

Cooper is on the "List of Georgia's 100 Most Powerful and Influential Women in Corporate America." She is vice chair of the board of directors of the Northwest Georgia Girl Scouts Council, a member of the boards of the Close Up Foundation and the Points of Light Foundation and a member of Links-Dogwood Chapter.

Related Entries

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

B.A.

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

Diploma

Hunter Junior High School [STUDENTOF]
[from ? to ?]

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

Denby Tech/Preparatory High School [EMPLOYEEOF]
[from ? to ?]

Teacher

UPS [EMPLOYEEOF]
[from 1998 to ?]

President