

# Biographical Description for The HistoryMakers® Video Oral History with Norma White

PERSON

White, Norma Solomon

**Alternative Names:** Norma White;

**Life Dates:** November 17, 1934-

**Place of Birth:** Jacksonville, Florida, USA

**Residence:** Jacksonville, FL

**Occupations:** Association Chief Executive

## Biographical Note

Association chief executive, Norma Solomon White was born on November 17, 1934 in Jacksonville, Florida. In 1998, White was elected as the 25th International President of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Incorporated, a position she held until 2002. Under White's leadership the Alpha Kappa Alpha administration focused its agenda on "Blazing New Trails."

White was inducted into the Beta Alpha chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha at Florida A&M University (FAMU) in 1950. As a student at FAMU, White was the first female member of the famed FAMU Marching 100 Band to graduate. She graduated in 1955 with her B.S. degree and furthered her education by earning her M.A. degree in music at Columbia University. After graduating, White pursued a career in education in the public schools of Jacksonville, Florida.

White served as Regional Director for the South Atlantic Region from 1974 until 1978 and was successful in raising \$100,000 for the United Negro College Fund. She later was elected to the office of First Supreme Anti-Basileus at the 56th Boule in Indianapolis, Indiana. In that capacity, she also served as the first vice-president of the sorority's Educational Foundation Board. Then, in 1998, White became the 25th Supreme Basileus of Alpha Kappa Alpha at the Boule held in Chicago, Illinois. The theme for her administration embraced six target areas: leadership development, education, health, the black family, economics and the arts. White also initiated the sorority's "On Track" after school program which targeted at-risk students in grades three through six to prepare them for middle school.

White is Alpha Kappa Alpha's first Supreme Basileus to be part of a mother-daughter legacy and is honored as the first female member of the famed FAMU Marching 100

Band through Jacksonville, Florida's proclaimed day for her.

Dr. Norma Solomon White was interviewed by The HistoryMakers on February 27, 2008.

## Related Entries

**New Stanton High School** [STUDENTOF]

[from ? to ?]

**High School Diploma**

**Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University** [STUDENTOF]

[from ? to ?]

**BS**

**Columbia University** [STUDENTOF]

[from ? to ?]

**MA**

**Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University** [STUDENTOF]

[from ? to ?]

**Honorary Doctorate**

**Duval County School District** [EMPLOYEEOF]

[from 1955 to ?]

**Teacher**

**Duval County School District** [EMPLOYEEOF]

[from 1964 to 1992]

**Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated** [MEMBEROF]

[from 1995 to 2005]

**Grand Basileus**

**Kevinettes** [MEMBEROF]

[from 1998 to 2008]

**Links, Incorporated** [MEMBEROF]

[from 1995 to 2000]