

Jarilyn Fox

JD Fox Inspires

Jarilyn Fox is an award-winning journalist, diversity engagement specialist, chief inspirationalist and author who is thankful that the Master can use her circumstances to His glory. Her main mission in life is to allow her light to shine in both the good times and the bad times, so that others will know the Master through her works. She totally believes that "... all things work together for good to them that love God ..." (Romans 8:28) and is encouraged when she remembers that she can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me." (Philippians 4:13)

She is a passionate, creative business leader with more than 28-years publishing industry experience in newspapers and magazines, as well as on-air news reporting, and feature writing.

Prior to founding JD Fox Inspires in 2019, she served as the president and publisher of MBN USA and WE USA magazines, America's number one, awarding winning national magazines about minority and women business enterprise and development.

She has been a member of Lord's body since she was nine years old. Jarilyn loves teaching Bible Class and has taught all ages from the cradle roll class she helped to start over 20 years ago to the sister to sister class she is currently involved in. She heads up the communications team at Greenville Avenue Church of Christ and absolutely loves collaborating and connecting people for the cause of the Master.

She earned a B.A. in journalism from Louisiana Tech University where she was the first female and first African-American editor of The Tech Talk, the college newspaper, as well as the first female African-American to serve as secretary of the Student Government Association.

In the community, she most enjoys tutoring children at risk and helping with the Girl Scouts. She received the Corporate Mentor of the Year by Women of Visionary Influence and Woman of the Year from the National Association of University Women.

Fox's dedication to the growth and development of minority and women-owned businesses has been monumental in helping MWBEs take their companies to new levels of growth. The U.S. Small Business Administration Minority Business Development Agency Dallas Regional Office presented her with its Leadership Award three years in a row for her support and advocacy in growing diverse businesses. In addition, she received the prestigious E Award (of Excellence) for Minority Business Advocacy from the D/FW Minority Business Council and the Diversity and Inclusion Award from the US PAACC.

She founded JDFox Inspires as a vehicle to empower, inspire, and motivate women to live their lives to the fullest and move past the obstacles hindering them from excelling.

She most enjoys spending time with family, including CPA husband Kenny and children, Kendra, Kyandra, Kimerya and Kenny II, along with son-in-law Michael II and four grandchildren, Malia, Michael III, Mason Wayne Alexander and Kailani. She resides in Allen, Texas, and worships at Greenville Ave Church of Christ in Richardson, Texas. She is the daughter of John and Doris Dansby of Shreveport, LA.