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Dr. Chanta M. Haywood is an experienced, practical, analytical, and visionary university administrator, researcher, professor and scholar with a Ph.D. focused in American Literature from the University of California at San Diego. She has gone through the academic ranks as a faculty member, and her book, Prophesying Daughters: Black Women Preachers and the Word, 1823-1913, was re-released in a second edition by the University of Missouri Press.

Dr. Haywood has nearly 25 years of executive experience in three university systems (Florida, North Carolina and Georgia), having served as a graduate dean, associate provost for academic affairs, associate vice president for research, and vice president for advancement.

Her work in those areas led to an appointment by U.S. Secretary of Education, Arne Duncan, to the Jacob K. Javits Fellowship Board, where she served as Chair for four years. She has done program and grant reviews, including President Obama's First in the World grant program.

Dr. Haywood is also a prolific writer, with experience in almost every genre of writing in the academy: books, articles, degree proposals, grants, strategic plans, reports, white papers, news articles, blogs, and press releases.

As a grant writer and manager, Dr. Haywood has served as PI for millions of dollars in federal and private grants, including one funded by the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation. As Vice President for Advancement, she oversaw fundraising, alumni and constituent relations, stewardship and advancement services, the annual fund, corporate and foundation relations, and major gifts and gift planning. She has also supervised the office of communications and marketing at two universities.

As a faculty member at Florida State University, she has served as the director of the communications program in London, and as an entrepreneur, she coaches high school students for success in college by using her own proven program and model, College Smart Now.

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