

## **MILDRED SQUARE CARRETHERS**

Mildred Square Carrethers was born in Scotlandville, a small Black community located north of Baton Rouge, Louisiana. She was the eighth of twelve children of the late Willie T. and Clara Byrd Square. Upon graduating from high school, Ms. Carrethers attended Southern University A & M College in Baton Rouge on an academic scholarship. Ms Carrethers is the proud mother of Jontue “Liz” Tchoutchouang, and she has two wonderful grandchildren, Cara and Cameron. She is passionate about educating students of color and advocating for financial literacy.

After graduating from Southern in 1971 with top honors and a Bachelor of Science degree in Accounting, Ms Carrethers was employed at Humble Oil (Exxon). She progressed through supervisory and management assignments in Louisiana and Texas and became a corporate executive. Ms. Carrethers received a Master of Business Administration (MBA) degree in Finance and Economics from Loyola University and is a Certified Public Accountant.

While at Exxon, she had the lead role in recruiting financial candidates from Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCU). Also, she played a leading role in the merger of the two giant oil companies, Exxon and Mobil. Mildred spent a three-year assignment based in West Africa as a Country Controller. Before retiring in 2008, her final assignment was at ExxonMobil corporate headquarters in Dallas, Texas as Chief Diversity Officer. From 2008 - 2015, Ms. Carrethers was a partner in HBP Group (operating company of Louisiana IHOP Restaurants) with primary responsibility for financial accounting.

Mildred was recognized as one of the first 100 Black CPAs in the State of Louisiana and has received numerous other awards. Ms. Carrethers attends the Greater Cornerstone Baptist Church in Dallas, Texas, Dr. David E. Wilson, Pastor, where she is a devoted member and trustee. Her favorite scripture is Proverbs Ch. 3; 5/6: “Trust in the Lord with all your heart; and lean not on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct thy paths.”