

# DR. DEBORAH JOHNSON-BLAKE'S BIOGRAPHY

## Empowerment

Dr. Deborah "[Dr. DJ](#)" Johnson-Blake is a dynamic force that empowers individuals and organizations to achieve their goals. As the CEO of [The Writing Pad, LLC](#), she helps clients overcome writing and editing challenges through tailored solutions that foster growth and success. Her work as a certified time management and life coach equips individuals with the tools to enhance productivity and efficiency, complemented by her [best-selling book](#), "*52 Time Management H.A.C.K.S.*," and her weekly social media tips. As an award-winning associate professor at Liberty University, she inspires future leaders by serving as a research chair and expert in servant leadership. Through her extensive publications and presentations on leadership, time management, and personal development, Dr. Johnson-Blake amplifies messages of empowerment to diverse audiences. She holds certifications in Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion, Project Management, and Online Instruction, further enhancing her ability to support individuals across sectors. As a sought-after public speaker, Dr. DJ believes in [inspiring and empowering](#) her [audiences](#) to reach their full potential and become their best selves every day. Her guiding philosophy, "living life on purpose," reflects her commitment to empowering others to excel personally and professionally.

## Leadership

A proven leader in multiple arenas, Dr. Johnson-Blake, has held significant positions in the American Business Women's Association (ABWA), including serving as the 2019-2020 President of the Douglas County Charter Chapter, being named ABWA National's 2021 American Business Woman, and representing District 1 as the 2022-2023 Ambassador Steering Committee Representative. She was also honored as the first recipient of the 2022-2023 Ambassador Steering Committee Vision Award. In her academic role, she is a research chair and subject matter expert in servant leadership, shaping future generations of leaders. She extends her leadership to healthcare as [Vice Chair of the Hospital Authority Board](#) of Douglas County and as a member of the [Wellstar Regional Health Board](#). As a Chamber investor, she works on special projects, including strategic planning. Her educational background, including a Doctor of Management in Organizational Leadership, underscores her expertise in leadership and organizational effectiveness. Additionally, her experience spans corporate training, nonprofit management, and academia, reflecting her ability to lead diverse organizations and initiatives.

## Community Impact

Dr. Johnson-Blake is deeply committed to creating lasting community impact. As the 2023-2024 Board Chair of Partners in Education of Douglas County and Secretary of Beyond the Front Porch, she supports educational and enrichment initiatives that benefit local youth and families. She is an active and dedicated member of the [Junior League of Douglas County](#), where she was recognized as a two-time Spirit Award honoree, chair and co-chair of the Publicity Committee, and co-chair of the Nominating and Book Brigade committees. Through her Junior League of Douglas County service of eight active years, Dr. DJ has been an active participant in special events and meetings and hosted and co-hosted virtual events during COVID-19, including book club, happy hour, and microaggressions training. She is also a member of the [Douglas County Chamber of Commerce](#), where she was recognized as the 2020 Ambassador of the Year and received the Celebrate HER 2022 Encourage Award for her inspiring contributions. Her service on the Hospital Authority Board of Douglas County and the Wellstar Regional Health Board demonstrates her dedication to improving healthcare access and quality in the Douglas County community, thus driving positive change. Dr. DJ is a founding member of the National Council of Negro Women Northwest Georgia Section and is active on the Outreach Committee. Dr. Johnson-Blake's community contributions extend to professional associations like the Georgia Association for Women in Higher Education (GAWHE) and the Georgia Continuing Education Association. Her efforts have been recognized through prestigious honors such as Marquis Who's Who in America and Who's Who in Black Atlanta, affirming her significant impact on the community.