



Patricia Jones, M. Ed.

Patricia Jones is distinguished by over thirty years of outstanding public service to the citizens of Lake County. She is an elected official of Waukegan Township where she holds the position of Supervisor and Chief Executive Officer. She was elected in 1997 and prior to that, worked as Waukegan Township Administrator for 8 years. Patricia holds a BA from Western Illinois University and an M. Ed from Northern Illinois University.

Waukegan Township is a multi-million dollar governmental entity responsible for the care and well-being of township constituents. Under her leadership, the township has grown to be considered one of the premier townships in the State of Illinois. Her vision to bring light to the least of these has played an integral role in the expansion of the Park Place Center, a senior citizen's facility, with an excess of 40,000 benefitting from the educational, recreational and a variety of other senior activities and services, now provides international trips to create a broader perspective for a world point of view for seniors she created the Eddie Washington Center transitional home for men - where over 3,000 men have been served and Staben House transitional home for women with children - assisting to date 311 families and 616 children, and is the visionary and founder of the Coalition to Reduce Recidivism, in which the mission of the coalition is to reduce recidivism by assisting ex-offenders with tangible skills and employment opportunities allowing them to become productive members of the community.

Most recently, Supervisor Jones reintroduced the Historically Black Colleges & Universities Tour, which provides high school students from across Lake County the opportunity to visit various colleges and universities across the country to broaden their perspectives and increase their educational options. Since its inception in 2013, Patricia Jones' vision for the Artis Yancey HBCU Tour has afforded over 165 high school students; from various cities across Lake and Cook Counties (Illinois) as well as Wisconsin, Minnesota, Tennessee and Florida, a glimpse into what these institutions offer. Many of those students have, while visiting the various campuses, received scholarships, been offered onsite acceptance and are currently matriculating through the institutions that left such a great impression on their lives.

Highly regarded for her relentless pursuit of educational opportunities for the residents of Lake County, Ms. Jones held the position of Trustee, an elected official, to the College of Lake County Board and now holds the distinct honor of Trustee Emeritus of the College of Lake County Board. She also served for 18 years on the board of the University Center of Lake County, a conglomerate of top Illinois colleges and universities. Prior to that, she served on the Advisory Committee for the College of Lake County's Lakeshore Campus. Ms. Jones believes in the academic achievement and personal success of every resident in effort to improve the quality of life in our communities.

Supervisor Jones has been a prominent member of numerous boards and organizations including the United Way of Lake County, the Heart Association of Lake County, Waukegan Exchange Club as president and one of the founding board members to the North Chicago Exchange Club, Humanitarian Patriot of the Rotary Club of North Chicago, the Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, the Harbor Lites Links of Lake County and a founding member of the Democrats United for Fairness.

Apart from her distinguished career, Ms. Jones credits her family who keeps her life focused and God-centered. Her family, including her late father, Mr. Leroy Jones; her mother, Mrs. Dorothy Armsted – both proud Alcorn State University graduates; her son Marc, daughter in law Jazmin and her 5 beautiful grandchildren all stand behind her with unconditional love and support and are symbols of her rich and wonderful African-American heritage. Patricia Jones is a faithful member of Shiloh Baptist Church of Waukegan and has served as Chair of both the Personnel and Constitution Committees.