

DR. STEPHANIE D. BARNES

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About Stephanie

Dr. Stephanie D. Barnes is the CEO of The Fruition Group, LLC, a company that specializes in personal excellence, leadership and strategic planning solutions. A former corporate attorney and executive, she retired from practicing law in 2014 after 16+ years. Dr. Barnes works with women to help them find their inner leader through her transformational coaching program, Fabulous University—where women learn to lead with brilliance! Dr. Barnes helps women to have a fabulous career business, and life! Being fabulous is to live *and lead* boldly, brilliantly, and vividly.

Dr. Stephanie D. Barnes is an international speaker, leadership coach, and author. Dr. Stephanie D. Barnes's first book, *Leading Your Life to Excellence*, was published in 2012. She is a co-author of *The Laws of the New Game Changers: How to Make Breakthrough Impacts that Take You Forward*, published in 2013. Her next book, *Going the Distance for Excellence: Leadership Lessons Learned from a Marathon* was published in 2014. Her book, *Finding the Fabulous in You*, was published in September 2014 and a revised edition will be released in 2017. She is also featured in *20 Beautiful Women Vol. 3* (2016). Dr. Barnes presented a TEDx Talk, "What's in a Name? How Leadership Discourse Perpetuates Gender Bias" in 2016.

Stephanie is a woman who sees the possibility in life and embraces the opportunity to excel. She makes a way out of no way. In 2009, when her company leadership identified that there were few women qualified for leadership positions, she created a 12-week leadership program. Five graduating classes went through this life-changing transformational class producing vice-presidents, directors, and managers. Several others received promotions and changed their excellence trajectory! Stephanie helped them to find the leader inside! Using this experience, Stephanie now works with women to help them find their fabulous through her transformational coaching program, Fabulous University.

Dr. Barnes is a servant leader with many years of services a volunteer and community leader. She is a member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. and Jack and Jill of America, Incorporate. In 2014, she was named by the Sun Herald and Journal of South Mississippi Business as one of South Mississippi's Outstanding Community Leaders Class of 2013 and in 2009, as one of South Mississippi's Top 10 Business Leaders Under 40, Class of 2008. She is a graduate of the Leadership Jackson County Class of 2006. She received the prestigious President of the Year Award in the South Eastern Region of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. in 2011. In 2013, she was one of 50 Women chosen to receive the Medgar and Myrlie Evers Ambassadors Award from the Gulfport, MS NAACP for having displayed exceptional fortitude and dedication based on their life's experience, dedication and commitment to justice and equality. She was selected by the Gulf Coast Business Council for the 2010 Masters Program. In December 2011, she was appointed by the Mississippi Commissioner of Insurance to the Mississippi Health Insurance Exchange Advisory Board. She served as Co-Chairman of the Health Providers Sub-Committee.

She attended Mississippi State University (1990 – 1992) and graduated summa cum laude from Tougaloo College in 1994 with a Bachelor of Arts Degree in English. She received her law degree from Harvard Law School in 1997. She received her doctorate in Organizational Leadership program from The Chicago School of Professional Psychology in 2016.

She and Dr. Jerrod Taylor have two sons, Nicolas and Marcus.

Her philosophy is: Your life is the product of your choices. Choose to be fabulous!



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