

Member Highlight

Dr. Deborah E. Jones,
Owner, Consultant, Executive Coach & Trainer



WHO IS DR. DEBORAH E. JONES?

Dr. Deborah E. Jones, fondly known as “DJ,” will begin her 49th year as an educator in August 2024. She retired as principal from the Guilford County School System in Greensboro, NC, in June 2005 and immediately established her dream “retirement” job: a small business providing consulting, teaching, and coaching services. ELC (Educational Leadership Consulting, LLC) was established in 2006 and founded on the belief that relationships, education, and leadership are critical factors that determine the success of any organization, its people, and the quality of services it provides.

DJ has a wide range of expertise, from conducting customized training to consulting and coaching services to a diverse clientele, including principals, teachers, private and governmental agencies, and organizations. She is a certified trainer for the True Colors Personality Assessment and Workshop and the Time To Teach Classroom Management Workshop for the Center of Teacher Effectiveness. Her strong passion and commitment to leadership development, school improvement, instructional leadership, culture, climate, and change management are evident in her work. Her motivation to advocate and prepare others to serve and address the needs of women in leadership positions, minority children, and children in poverty is a testament to her dedication to the community.

WHAT IS IMPORTANT TO HER?

DJ believes women have a rich history of being strong and courageous leaders, making it crucial to advocate for and support each other! She feels women’s voices, actions, knowledge, and skills form the bedrock of leading and serving organizations and people. DJ deeply values and supports women’s work because she is acutely aware of the immense contributions women can make and the significant role they play in helping others succeed and live meaningful lives.

WISDOM FROM DJ

“I advise people to have a vision of success and know their purpose. Step outside their comfort zone, and don’t be too proud to ask for help or afraid to use their voice and talents to serve others. Always be prepared for the challenges, step aside sometimes, grow and develop the next generation of leaders, especially women and minorities, and make sure you laugh and have fun! Don’t take yourself so seriously!”

WHAT DO YOU LIKE MOST ABOUT BEING A WE LEAD MEMBER?

“WE LEAD is a safe, fun, supportive, and learning space for women leaders. I like the various learning topics and networking. The conferences are fun and provide a great networking opportunity for women from various backgrounds and positions. WE LEAD develops the **whole woman!**”

