

Dr. Hattie N. Washington Honored as Mother of the Year for Lifelong Service to Children, Education, and Community

International educator and AI leader Dr. Hattie N. Washington earns the Mother of the Year Award for combining innovation, mentorship, and service to uplift children, families, and communities through education and advocacy.



Jacksonville, Florida Feb 3, 2026 ([IssueWire.com](https://www.IssueWire.com)) - [Dr. Hattie N. Washington](#), an internationally recognized educator, Amazon #1 best-selling author, International Certified AI Consultant, and trailblazer in technology-driven learning, has been honored with the **Mother of the Year Award** in recognition of her extraordinary dedication to parenting, mentorship, foster care, and community service.

Born in rural Virginia, Dr. Washington's life journey is defined by resilience and purpose. After losing her biological mother at the age of three and being sent away from home at eleven during Prince Edward County's five-year school shutdown, she experienced firsthand the impact of displacement and educational inequity. These formative experiences shaped her lifelong commitment to ensuring that no child feels unseen or unsupported.

Dr. Washington holds degrees in Elementary and Special Education, Counseling Psychology, M.LITT, and a Ph.D. in Curriculum and Instruction, with advanced study at Glasgow, Harvard, and the London Roundtable. Her distinguished career includes service as a model teacher, Assistant Superintendent, tenured professor, and Coppin State University's first female Vice President. She is also the author of several acclaimed works, including *The AI Toolkit for Teachers Made Easy*, *Driven to Succeed*, *Determinada a Triunfar*, and *Aunt Hattie's Cookbook*.

At the heart of Dr. Washington's life is her family. She is the proud mother of two accomplished daughters—one a physician and the other an attorney—and a devoted grandmother to Cameron and Reagan. Her parenting philosophy centers on presence, advocacy, and unconditional love, principles she lives out across generations.

Her passion for children extends far beyond the classroom. Dr. Washington founded **Aunt Hattie's Place (AHP)**, where she reared numerous foster boys with special needs, installing computer labs and creating individualized learning plans to support their growth. One of her foster sons, Wayne—who lived in her home and calls her "Mom"—is now an IT Specialist at Microsoft.

Believing deeply in education as a generational catalyst, she established the **Aunt Hattie Scholarship Fund (AHSF)** at Coppin State University to support foster youth aging out of care. Funded in part by proceeds from her books and speaking engagements, the scholarship enables recipients to attend college and live on campus.

A lifelong church servant since age sixteen, Dr. Washington has served as a Sunday School teacher, choir member, usher, announcer, and volunteer. Today, she continues to mentor students, educators, parents, and former foster youth, guided by her belief that lifting even one child can transform an entire family line.

The **Mother of the Year Award** honors not only Dr. Hattie N. Washington's role as a parent and grandmother, but her enduring legacy as a mother to many—through education, faith, and unwavering service to children and communities.

"I am deeply grateful to receive the Mother of the Year Award. My heartfelt thanks go to God, my two amazing daughters, and my son—the epitome of motherhood's blessings. Witnessing them become good people is reward enough. This honor belongs to my family, faith

community, mentors, and every child who has entrusted me with their journey. May love, education, and advocacy change generations.” says Dr. Hattie N. Washington

To learn more about Dr. Hattie N. Washington, her work in education, authorship, and community advocacy, visit <https://www.drhnwashington.com>

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