

## **DR. JACQUELINE THOMPSON**

Jacqueline Thompson is a native of Nashville, TN. She is the oldest of nine children that were born to retired TSgt. David and Margie Royston. She is married to Edward Thompson, who retired as a Contracting Supervisor at Hill Air Force Base. They have 2 sons, 2 daughter in-laws and 4 grandchildren. Dr. Thompson graduated from Highlands High School in North Highlands, CA in 1974. She received a BA in Elementary Education from Idaho State University in Pocatello, ID in 1978. In June 1997, she graduated from Weber State University in the Master of Education Program. She received her Doctorate Degree in Education from Utah State University in May 2010.

In 2018, Dr. Thompson retired from Davis School District as the Director of the Educational Equity Department. Her duties and responsibilities included the Davis School District Parent Equity Committee, Multicultural Education, Civil Rights Issues, AVID Advancement via Individual Determination, and the V(i)llage Program. Dr. Thompson taught public school for four years in Pocatello, ID and Sacramento, CA. She worked as a Race Desegregation Specialist in the Educational Equity Section at the Utah State Office of Education from October 1993 - June 1996. She worked in Applied Technology - School to Careers and Gender Equity from June 1996 - June 1997. She served as an Education Specialist for the Utah State Office of Education (USOE), Educational Equity Section from June 1997 to June 2000. Her primary responsibilities included civil rights monitoring, providing technical assistance, training and networking resources to address such areas as cultural diversity, bias awareness and gender equity. She was the USOE Coordinator for the annual statewide "Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Essay Contest" for 7-12th grade students. In 1984, she began her Federal career at Hill Air Force Base as a Personnel Management Specialist Intern which she worked for two years. She worked in Training Office as an Employee Development Specialist from 1986-1993. From July to October 1993, Dr. Thompson worked as an Equal Employment Opportunity Specialist. In 1987, she conceived and implemented the Hill AFB African American Community Outreach Program. This program visits various schools and community organizations to motivate youth to stay in school, identify positive role models and encourage them to "Say No" to drugs, alcohol, and violence. Dr. Thompson was instrumental in helping to form a partnership between Hill Air Force Base and the Utah State Office of Education for statewide usage of the program's video tape series to enhance the schools' multicultural curriculum.

Dr. Thompson received numerous awards and national recognition. She was the recipient of the 1994 Spirit of the American Woman Award for Public Education. She was a charter member of the Beehive Chapter of Blacks in Government (BIG). She has been a recipient of the Beehive Chapter's Meritorious Service Award and in 1992; she received the National Meritorious Service Award. She served as past President of the National Association for Multicultural Education (NAME). She was one of nine women who received the 1998 Utah Women's Achievement Award presented by the Governor's Commission for Women and Families. She served as Mrs. Utah 1999 and was the recipient of the Salt Lake Branch NAACP Martin Luther King Award for the year 2000. Dr. Thompson was the recipient of the 2011 Drum Major Award for the Utah State Martin Luther King, Jr. Human Rights Commission. She was honored as the 2012 Educator of the Year by Omega Psi Phi Fraternity. She also served as Education Chair on the State Martin Luther King, Jr. Human Rights Commission.

On November 12, 2012, Governor Gary Herbert appointed Dr. Thompson to the State Multicultural Commission. She was the recipient of the 2013, Human Rights Award from the Utah School Counselors. Dr. Thompson served as a board member for the Utah Humanities Council. She received the 2014 American Association of University Women's Award from the Salt Lake City Branch. Dr. Thompson was the recipient of the 2015 Friend of 4-H Award – Utah State University Extension Program. The ISU Alumni Association and Idaho State University recognized Dr. Thompson with the Professional Achievement Award at Commencement 2015. In January 2017, she was the recipient of the University of Utah's Black Student Union's Annual Legacy Award. Dr. Thompson was the recipient of the 2017 Humanitarian Award from the Inclusion Center in SLC, Utah. Dr. Thompson is also a member of Weber School District - Equity, Justice and Inclusion Committee – Advisory Council. She was honored with the 2018 Utah Education Association, Charles E. Bennett - UEA Human and Civil Rights Award. Dr. Thompson was the recipient of the 2018 Salt Lake City NAACP Albert Fritz Civil Rights Award. The Utah State Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution presented Dr. Thompson with the Women in American History Award on May 13, 2020.