

## Interview Questions

Name- Melanie Speight Daniels

> Occupation- Accountant and Economist

> **What organization/groups are you in and position?** I participate in a number of organizations to include the national coalition of 100 black women Delaware, Chapter, I serve as president Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Incorporated, I serve as Graduate Advisor and member of membership and sisterly relations committees the Wilmington(DE) Chapter of The Links Incorporated, I serve as financial secretary and co-chair of the Achievers Program. The African American Empowerment Fund, I serve as the Board Chair

> **So When did you know you wanted to be a community leader/organizer? Why?** I've known all my life that I had responsibilities to my community. My father's family gave back to the community constantly from setting up the first Black Wallstreet that created community centers and schools. I had no choice

> **What motivates you?** I love to see black women and girls get everything they need to be successful: health, education and economic empowerment.

> **What has been your biggest obstacles as a leader?** Working with those that do not respect others, exercise good character and walk in integrity.

> **Tell me a little bit about your family's History?** We are a hard working family from Durham, North Carolina that not only served the community through quality businesses establishing the first black Wall Street, setting up community centers and making sure that black families across the city never went hungry. This is my family lineage. This is why I work so hard for the community. This is why I served in a number of different organizations to make sure the black women and girls and their families get their needs met so that they can be successful.

> **What would you like to leave us with?** Make sure that you walk in your purpose. There's a piece of us that our communities need in order to survive. Don't keep it to yourself. That gift is not for you to be selfish, it is for you to share. Thank you.