



DR. *Shaniqua* JONES

CEO/Founder of Purple Path / Jones Academy of Excellence

WHO IS DR. SHANIQUA JONES?

Dr. Shaniqua Jones is a Global Leader and Restorative Justice Practitioner, Expert. Affectionately known as Dr. J and for her brilliant ability to connect deeply with those who have been harmed and have caused harm through Restorative Justice and Restorative Practices. Dr. J has been called upon to remove barriers alienating and dehumanizing people from all walks of life. Dr. Jones completed her doctoral degree in Interdisciplinary Leadership specializing in Higher Education in May of 2016. She has a diverse background in academics. What separates Dr. Jones from her peers is her uncanny ability to infuse her personal and professional experiences, which allows her to connect genuinely and have a great deal of empathy for the people she serves.

In 2018, Dr. Jones was honored and inducted as a member of the 40 under 40 rising leaders into the Young Women's Professional League Chicago for her industry expertise and leadership. The global speaker founded the Purple Path for-profit organization in the spring of the following year. The organization provides sustainable and tangible resources, building competencies, relationships, and social capital in deserving communities.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Recently, Dr. Jones acted as Director of Community Engagement and Diversity Programs at Trinity Christian College. The educator provided opportunities to discuss matters of the heart related to diversity and social justice by utilizing Restorative Practices. Dr. Jones advised students to serve across the country and mentored scholars through academic preparation and spiritual formation.

Dr. J used her experiences as Restorative Justice Coordinator - Dean of Students at Chicago Collegiate Charter School. She also used her foundation for Restorative Justice training for churches, schools, community organizations, The Cook County Southland Juvenile Justice Council, and the Illinois Department of Juvenile Justice. Dr. Jones has served as a consultant-to-District Coordinator of Restorative Justice and Restorative Practices with Thornton Township High Schools District 205 for four years, ending her residency in 2022. With a global platform, as the founder of Purple Path and Jones Academy of Excellence, Dr. Jones has educated and served thousands of students, parents, guardians, educators, organizations, and more through her work rooted in Restorative Justice and Restorative Practices.

FAMILY FIRST.

Dr. Jones is a wife and mother of five biological children and an author of 12 awe-inspiring works with two more releasing March 2023. When she isn't impacting lives and transforming communities, you can find Dr. J sporting her favorite gym shoes.

SERVING COMMUNITY.

Serving the National Organization of Black Law Enforcement as Restorative Justice Trainer, Dr. J has solidified herself as an effective leader with significant momentum. In May of 2021, Governor Pritzker and the Illinois State Board of Education appointed Dr. Jones to the Whole Child Task Force.

In December 2021, Dr. Jones accepted a one-year assignment as the Restorative Justice Facilitator for MacArthur Foundation - Just Imperative Working Group based on her expertise as a Restorative Justice Practitioner focused on healing and resilience. Dr. Jones also serves as Chief Educational Officer for Touch Gift Foundation.



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