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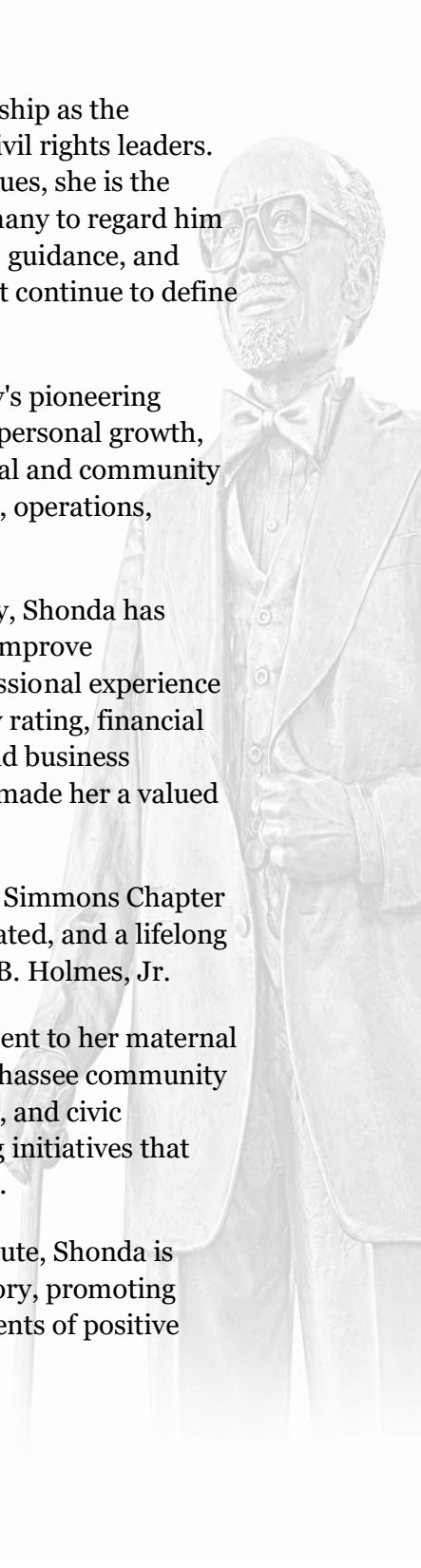
Shonda R. Steele



Shonda R. Steele proudly carries forward a legacy of faith, service, and leadership as the granddaughter of the late Rev. C.K. Steele, one of America's most respected civil rights leaders. Raised in a family deeply rooted in community engagement and Christian values, she is the daughter of renowned guitarist Darryl Steele, whose contributions have led many to regard him as a community advocate through music, and Rhonda Steele, whose strength, guidance, and unwavering commitment to family helped shape the values and character that continue to define Shonda's life and service.

As a participant in one of the first classes selected for Florida A&M University's pioneering International Baccalaureate Program, Shonda developed an appreciation for personal growth, leadership, and cultural awareness that continues to influence her professional and community endeavors. Her career reflects a diverse background in business management, operations, finance, customer relations, and healthcare administration.

Currently serving in a management role within the automotive rental industry, Shonda has distinguished herself through her ability to build strong client relationships, improve operational performance, and contribute to organizational growth. Her professional experience includes healthcare claims administration with a remarkable 98% proficiency rating, financial management utilizing QuickBooks, project bidding, process improvement, and business operations support. Her dedication, adaptability, and business acumen have made her a valued contributor to the organizations she has served.

A passionate advocate for community service, Shonda is an active member of Simmons Chapter No. 2, Jerusalem Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star, Prince Hall Affiliated, and a lifelong member of Bethel Missionary Baptist Church under the leadership of Rev. R.B. Holmes, Jr.

Shonda credits much of her commitment to service and community involvement to her maternal grandmother, Juanita Hollis, a respected retired educator and longtime Tallahassee community leader whose example instilled in her the values of compassion, perseverance, and civic responsibility. Inspired by those lessons, she remains dedicated to supporting initiatives that uplift youth, preserve history, and create opportunities for future generations.

As a member of the Board of Directors of the C.K. Steele Human Rights Institute, Shonda is honored to help advance the Institute's mission of preserving civil rights history, promoting educational excellence, and inspiring young people to become leaders and agents of positive change. Shonda enjoys reading, traveling, and spending time with family.

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