

## WFWP USA: What Black History Month Means for Councilmember Berdetta Hodge

Glenda Lambert and Nishia Slater  
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Two [WFWP HerStory](#) Awardees; [Nishia Slater, Owner of Star Life Wellness Group, LLC](#), and [Anjanette Foster, Founder of SISTALUV](#) and a certified life coach and mentor, sat down with current Councilmember [Berdetta Hodge](#), the first Black woman to be the council member for the city of Tempe, Arizona and the Tempe educational school board. Listening to her story, sharing her experiences and celebrating these remarkable "firsts" we've learned about the challenges of overcoming injustices, what Black History Month means to her and the impact that her role as councilwoman is making within the Tempe communities.



*Councilmember Hodge in the blue shirt and Nishia Slater and Anjanette Foster representing Global Women's Peace Network Arizona. Councilmember Hodge showing them pictures of her diverse leadership responsibilities and important Black people in history.*

### **Councilwoman Berdetta Hodge**

Berdetta Hodge has been a resident of the city of Tempe for over 40 years. She was raised in Tempe and had the privilege of raising her sons here, too. She is a graduate and parent of Tempe schools, a leader in Tempe charities, and a lifelong contributor to our city through public service and a passion for community-building. In July of 2022, she was sworn in as the first Black woman to serve on the Tempe

City Council, the most progressive and diverse council in the state of Arizona.

In the interview, Councilmember Hodge shared reflections on her historic position on the city council, her personal culture and tradition and what honoring Black history month meant to her.



*Anjanette Foster, Councilmember Hodge and Nishia Slater.*

Councilmember Hodge's culture and tradition were shared by personal stories and how history has affected her life. She states: **BLACK HISTORY IS HISTORY!** Celebrating Black History Month Councilwoman Hodge related many of her experiences growing up as a young girl experiencing injustice; she was curious about the "where are the other black figures" and wanted to teach her Black community about the accomplishments and achievements of many other Black role models. She is very passionate about being a strong voice in the community and is highly focused on building a community of Black leaders for generations to follow.

Growing up, her parents taught her to always respect elders and has taught her sons to live by that standard. That is part of Black history and our family history. That is a culture she wants to continue to follow.

Councilmember Hodge will always stay true to herself and wants to leave a great legacy of service for the next generation of young, black women to continue. Honoring Black History Month should be celebrated each day where we honor each other each day of the year! Not just 28 days of February.

Nishia Slater was deeply touched and left the interview with eyes filled with tears knowing that there is a woman in public office, willing to make a BIG difference in the lives of her Tempe community.

It was an honor interviewing Councilmember Hodge during Black History Month, a passionate woman with a heart to serve her family and community.

*Interviewed conducted by Nishia Slater; recorded by Anjanette Foster; pictures by Cepand Alizadeh (Council Aide)*



# HerStory Award

Throughout history we have heard much about 'his story,' which means there is still so much of 'her story' yet to be told. To unearth these incredible stories, WFP USA recognizes and honors women not only for their outstanding accomplishments in various fields of endeavor, in the form of a HerStory Award, but especially for the story "behind it."

Each HerStory recipient has been selected for her courage, compassion, and commitment to using her gifts and talents to uplift others, despite often overwhelming challenges. Upon receiving this award, we ask the recipient to share a few practical points of lessons learned as they overcame trials and tribulations, in order to encourage other women, and also to share those nuggets of wisdom with the next generation.

This award encourages all women to know that by investing into people and relationships, you have influence and thus already are a leader regardless of title or position, and thus have the ability to accomplish extraordinary things for the sake of the greater good!

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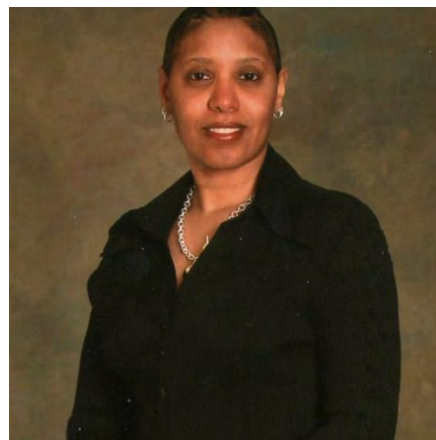
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Sandra McNair

Honorable McNair has clerked for the late Civil Rights attorney and Chancellor of NCCU, Julius Chambers and worked as a lawyer and an administrative judge for the district of Columbia. Her honorable work led her to being awarded the 2012 MLK Drum Major for Service Award from former President Barack Obama.

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Kim Evans

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### Simone Doroski Miyazaki

Simone is the current Mrs Hamptons and recently awarded Mrs. Community Service. She has been an avid community service activist and has done community service both in the US and overseas. She is also a real estate agent with Nest Seekers International. A jack of all trades and passionate to see change wherever she goes.

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Ms. Donna Paige Riley also known as the Etiquette Lady. She is the founder of Paige’s Etiquette Seminars, L.L.C., a company specializing in business and school etiquette, image consulting, and personal and professional development training. She has over 25 years in the etiquette and image fields, is nationally recognized as an etiquette expert and image consultant, has traveled extensively training and speaking around the country, has also been a guest on several radio and television programs, and hosts her own Blogtalk radio program titled What is Etiquette Anyway.

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### Dr. Marilou G. Tablang-Jimenez

Dr. Marilou G. Tablang-Jimenez is the new Medical Director of the Addiction and Mental Health Center at MedStar Montgomery Medical Center. She was born and raised in the Philippines until age 18. She graduated with a Bachelor’s Degree in Psychology from the University of Maryland, College Park, and received her Medical Degree from De La Salle University.

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### Gloria Petersen

Ms. Gloria Petersen has dedicated over four decades to her work and passion. During this time, she founded Global Protocol Academy. Previously, she spent sixteen years in civic and corporate roles developing her professional presence, business etiquette, and international protocol experience. After her stint in the corporate world, she received the industry-related training and certification needed to develop her entrepreneurial vision. She continues to train extensively in the image, etiquette, and protocol fields.

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### Grandmother Pershlie Ami

Grandmother Pershlie “Perci” Ami is a member of the Hopi/Tewa Tribe, from the Village of Walpi, Az. She is an ambassador for Grandmothers who are educators, wisdom gathers/sharers, guides, messengers, and earth protectors.

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### Dr. Uwa Onyioha Osimiri

Her Excellency, Chief, Dr. Uwa Onyioha Osimiri is the Founder and President of the African Women Mobilization Commission a non-profit organization mobilizing women to become leaders through training, conferencing, and global engagement. Dr. Osimiri is the Spiritual Leader of Chiism International and holds 6 Nigerian Chieftaincy titles.

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Rev. Tina Brown

Rev. Tina Brown, ordained in 2005 through Unity School of Christianity, has a rich history in ministry. Rev. Tina pioneered Unity Center of Truth, where she was Senior Minister for six years. She also served as associate minister at Unity Church of Little Rock and Unity of Phoenix, and was Co-pastor of Celebration Church, Sherwood, AR.

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Sandra Wilks

Sandra Wilks is a Philadelphia native, graduate of the Philadelphia School System and the recipient of a Business Certificate from the University Of Pennsylvania Wharton School Of Business. Ms. Wilks is also the founder of “Art of Conversationality” a marketing and promotions consulting business. Her talent is creating ways to help small business owners become more visible and have a better means for distributing their information and literature. A business woman and entrepreneur for a major portion of her life, Ms. Wilks has earned the title of *Marketing Consultant Extraordinaire*.

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Dr. Madelene Clark-Alexander

Reverend Dr. Madelene Clark-Alexander PhD.CC has been very active and successful in her life. As a preacher, teacher, and motivational speaker, she has always had the passion to serve others and that led her to obtain a Diploma Psychology from Ashworth College, her Bachelor of Science Degree with a concentration in Human Services, Springfield College, followed by a Master’s Degree in Ministry and a Doctoral Degree in Christian Counseling, graduating Cum Laude, Andersonville Theological Seminary.

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Congresswoman Yvette D. Clarke

As the Representative of the Ninth Congressional District of New York, Congresswoman Clarke has dedicated herself to continuing the legacy of excellence established by the late Honorable Shirley Chisholm, the first Black woman and Caribbean American elected to Congress. Hailing from central Brooklyn, Congresswoman Yvette Diane Clarke feels honored to represent the community that raised her.

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Cathleen Trigg-Jones

Cathleen Trigg-Jones is a social entrepreneur and executive with a background in journalism, media production, public relations and marketing. She has created and leads three independent media companies: iWomanTV, the first streaming news and entertainment network created by women and about women; Catscape Productions, an award-winning multimedia production company; and Trigg Global Media, a strategic marketing, crisis communications, and business consulting practice.

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Vanessa Dowdy

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Sharon Lund



Jennifer Gammons-Mujica



Anjanette Foster-Miles

Sharon Lund has danced with life and death throughout her life. She is a fearless pioneer, worldwide educator and advocate, a spiritual counselor, and a Metaphysical minister. She has worked and volunteered for decades around HIV/AIDS and end-of-life issues. She is an author and loving and devoted single mother. She is a woman of faith who lives her life with passion and purpose.

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Julia Mueller

Julia Mueller is a 20-year Clinical Hypnotherapist, Master Trainer of Hypnotherapy and owner of A Mind & Body Connection since 2003, Julia is also an author and best-selling author. She has opened private practices on the Gulf coast of Florida, Sedona, Arizona. and most recently in Bloomington, Indiana, until her Bloomington business was shut down due to COVID.

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Pastor Janet D. Reid

Pastor Janet D. Reid, Founder of Blood Covenant Sisters International, Ministries INC. since 2012, upholds her mission to enhance, encourage, equip and empower those who are downtrodden, unloved and feel they are forgotten or have lost their way.

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Dr. Charlene Jenkins

Jennifer Lund is a natural born teacher, certified Agriscaping Educator helping homeowners plant elegant and edible landscapes, and Founder of Living Well Organic (currently Farmer Jen Organics) since 2013 to educate how toxin free earthbound living supports optimal health and fresh food can be homegrown even in the barren desert.

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Dr. Ann Higgins

Dr. Ann Higgins is a Co- Pastor of Creative Christian Arts Ministries International. And President of the World Dance Council UNESCO-Nassau Bahamas Section. She is a Dancer, Choreographer, Author and Producer. She has been working in the area of the performing Arts for over fifty (50) years.

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Heidi Lieb-Williams

Heidi Lieb-Williams is currently the Chair of Alaska's Governor's Council for Disabilities and Special Education and GCDSE Executive committee. She serves as a member of the Intellectual/Developmental Disability & Mental Health (IDD-MH) Advisory Council, and the Special Education Advisory Panel (SEAP).

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Joan Myers

Anjanette Foster-Miles is a certified Life Coach and Mentor, and Founder of SISTALUV. She launched a movement called "SISTALUV" in 2013 which focuses on breaking the stigma to Mental Health, designed to be a help to the disadvantaged. Anjanette strongly believes in minimizing stressors and struggles in the community to eliminate depression for families.

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Theresa Pettaway

Theresa Pettaway is the Founder and Executive Director of Pettaway Pursuit Foundation. She is a black mother of three premature babies. She experienced the trauma of early labor, teenage pregnancy, postpartum depression, being a NICU parent, lack of educational perinatal resources, and systematic racism during her pregnancies. Her experience inspired her to be a maternal and child health advocate.

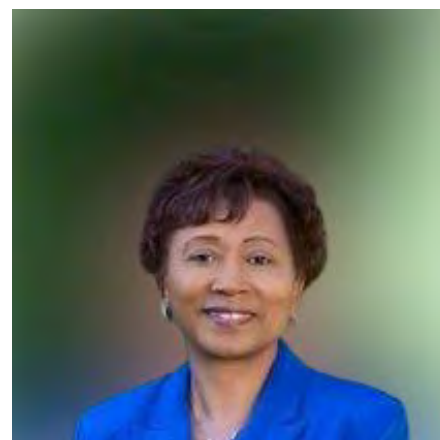
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Nishia Slater

Overcoming unimaginable obstacles and using her life lessons to help many more women become empowered through her work, Nishia Slater is known for her role as the owner of Star Life Wellness Group LLC.

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Mrs. Carolyn Robinson

Dr. Charlene Jenkins, also known as LadyJ, is a native Baltimorean. She is a Motivational Speaker, Radio Talk Show/TV Host, Certified Life/Spiritual Coach, and professional vocalist. Dr. Jenkins received her Doctorate of Divinity in June 2021, and just recently completed Chaplaincy school. She is now a Licensed and Ordained Chaplain/Pastor.

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Joan Amelia Myers is a multi-talented individual, a gospel singer, songwriter and a dynamic performer. She is also a successful businesswoman with Brooklyn's Leading Information Technology Center – B & C Cyberspace Inc. as CEO . However, at the center of Joan's heart and her life, is her love for the Lord Jesus Christ.

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Mrs. Carolyn Robinson founded and has been the CEO of Empowering You Now, a non-profit organization that offers affordable education and life coaching services in the San Francisco Bay Area through targeted and interactive workshops that help both individuals and couples recognize self-defeating beliefs and gain strategies to overcome them.

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## Nishia Slater

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*Nishia Slater was awarded the HerStory Award at the National HerStory Award launch of the Global Women's Peace Network on February 26, 2022, for her exemplary journey of overcoming unimaginable obstacles and using her life lessons to help many more women become empowered through her work.*

Being born into poverty in the early 80's, I was not aware of the opportunities I had in front of me. I have learned how to use my trauma and obstacles as stepping stones to get me where I am. Growing up I knew I wanted to help people, but I didn't know how because my voice was taken away from me at an early age. Even though this has been a passion of mine for a long time, I did not know where to start and I never had anyone to help me.

I have spent the majority of my life being a loving mother to my 3 children. From being a high school dropout to having a baby at 14 to being raped and molested over and over again, I chose not to give up. I knew my children needed me and in the long run, I learned that I needed myself. I didn't understand that I wasn't living my life with purpose, but I rose above it and started to focus on myself, which helped me to feel empowered and confident.

During the pandemic, I launched my Life Coaching business and became the owner of Star Life wellness Group LLC, helping women to choose themselves and live life with purpose. Since then, I have been interviewed, spoke on panels, been a guest speaker on podcasts, hosted events, became a 2x published author, public speaker, transformed my life for the better, and so much more!

In 2019 I created a space for women to empower, inspire, and uplift them, since then it has grown to nearly 1,000 women. The connections I have made with those women have been life changing.

I have provided free 4 week beta coaching to women who are not able to afford my coaching program, but want to make a change and difference in their lives. This has brought me relationships with women from all over. I have grown to mentor them and assist them through their journey.

My webinars I create are to help women break through their generational trauma and develop a healthier mindset. This allows me to bring awareness in our community, in households, and help women to embrace themselves and live up to their true potential. I desire to see women living life on purpose.

My mission for 2022 and moving forward is to hold space for women who have endured trauma and are afraid to change. I am creating workshops, seminars, and coaching programs to help them along their journey. It brings me great joy seeing and helping women to see and understand their worth and gain the confidence they need along the way. I am on the mission to become recognized as a national public speaker. I want to use my voice for women who have lost their voice and show them how to be their authentic selves.

This journey has taught me to be the change I want to see in this world.







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- LEE C.

Nishia Slater of Star Life Wellness Group is a phenomenal author, speaker and Life Coach. She inspires through her transparency and is constantly motivating everyone she encounters to seek their highest selves. I was honored to attend a webinar she served on as a panelist where she talked about her triumphant story of healing. As a life coach she is knowledgeable and nurturing and will help you to accomplish things you never thought possible. She is one to watch for sure.

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## Anjanette Foster-Miles

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Anjanette Foster-Miles was awarded the HerStory Award at the National HerStory Award Ceremony of the Global Women's Peace Network on March 26, 2022, for her exemplary and selfless service to dispel the stigmas surrounding mental health challenges, and support, heal, and uplift others, based on her journey of overcoming unimaginable challenges.

Born March 15, 1976 in Chicago, IL, Anjanette Foster-Miles is a mother of four daughters and grandmother of three grandsons. She always wanted more for her children and wanted to give them a different upbringing than what she experienced. She was taught to sweep her problems under the rug and be strong. Anjanette experienced depression in its highest form from a teenager and was later diagnosed with a Bi-Polar disorder as an adult. She walked around holding pain on the inside and stayed silent about the distress that other people caused her. Covering all the problems, issues and pain eventually created layers of masks. Suffering in silence, hiding behind guilt, shame, abandonment, fear and doubts, Anjanette became self-inflicted and beat suicide twice. Her voice was trapped inside her, pleasing everyone that caused her pain. Anjanette fell in a black hold called "Darkness" her mindset was a ticking time bomb and she became emotionally unbalance, landing her in different mental hospitals.

Anjanette was eager and wanted more to follow her dreams and break generational cycles of poverty and depression for her daughters, as well as people. After moving from Chicago in 1999, she obtained her GED in the state of Michigan in 2001. She then relocated to Arizona in 2003 with no family and continued building a life for her family.

Although her setbacks, trials and tribulations as a single mom was challenging, she never stopped being determined to succeed. From what she had experienced, Anjanette loved harder and never stopped being compassionate, she always lit up any room she was present in. She stayed determined to succeed on so many levels. In 2004, she enrolled with an organization called Arizona OIC, in which she completed a certification program for CNA (Certified Nursing Assistant). As she found work in the nursing home in her field, Anjanette became discouraged with observations and decided to change her career. In 2007 she enrolled in Lamson College Medical and Billing program where she graduated in 2008 with a 4.0, Dean's list. What was more amazing is that Anjanette won a 4-year scholarship to the University of Phoenix while being a student in Lamson College. She entered an essay contest through Big Brothers Big Sister Foundation and was awarded a "First Chance Scholarship" She enrolled in University of Phoenix 3months after graduating from Lamson College.

Anjanette then graduated in 2012 with her Bachelor of Science in Healthcare Administration. Throughout her life she went through health issues that had an effect on her mentally. Undergoing therapy and medication treatment throughout her battle with depression, she never felt great about her accomplishments. Anjanette has had over 15+ procedures/surgeries on her body. She saw a therapist and underwent medication therapy on and off battling her journey with depression. She made bad decisions and looked for love in all the wrong places. She became emotionally unbalanced and had trouble working for corporate and stability in the work-place. Anjanette believed it

was much more she was on this earth to accomplish. She always knew she had a bigger purpose & always told herself, "I'm Born with Excellence". Her spiritual walk with God manifested as a child and always believed in the power of prayer. She never stopped seeking guidance and counsel from God and one day God revealed to Anjanette. He whispered to her, "I know I created you to be energy and I see the work you're doing but I need to use YOU to save millions in the world" now go tell the people of the land about your depression, "go ahead now and Uncover your own Mask".

It was much more in life she wanted to do to help assist people with depression and mental challenges. It's her passion and she wants people to know they are not alone and don't have to suffer in silence. Now that the chains are broken and the darkness is under her feet, Anjanette has regained her voice to speak out and be a beacon of hope. Through her life mental challenges and mistakes, she is helping people heal by mentoring, counseling and showing others there is greatness after depression. She invested in herself and knows how vital "personal development" is to her personal life and business journey.

She launched a movement called "SISTALUV" in 2013 which focuses on breaking the stigma to Mental Health, designed to be a help to the disadvantaged. Anjanette strongly believes in minimizing stressors and struggles in the community to eliminate depression for families. She mentored, encouraged and counseled for free. Anjanette is committed to creating platforms for voices to be heard, in hopes to save one life at a time. She has been interviewed by AZTZ News (Phoenix) along with hosting events such as: Christmas Toys Drives, Feeding the homeless, Anti-Bullying Dance group, Cancer walks and participated with the Arizona Foundation for Suicide Prevention Walk.

Anjanette has partnered with a host of community programs including St. Mary's Food Bank & UMOM, a program designed to help homeless women and their families stabilize themselves through their services. Considered to be a philanthropist, and someone committed to helping make a difference in her community, Anjanette recently got certified as a Life Coach in 2021 and is looking forward to becoming a more active voice in the community raising Mental Health Awareness. She is determined to help others uncover their mask but while she is the help, Anjanette is also a client of her own services. She truly believes in "Life after Depression" and exemplifies it.

Anjanette created a "Mental Health Masquerade" featured on zoom and had a successful kick-off December 2021. The mission was to give others the opportunity to come and hear courageous stories of people who have gone through depression in hopes to uncover their own mask. The outcome and results of the Mental Health Masquerade were so phenomenal that it would be yearly and curriculum and courses are now being implemented.

Her abilities and commitment to thrive in her mission and purpose, in 2022, Anjanette was awarded the "HerStory Award" through the World Federation for Peace USA organization. Whatever it takes- Anjanette continues to see an opportunity for growth in advancing her career and contribution for the overall success for the organization as well the community.





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## About Councilmember Berdetta Hodge

Berdetta Hodge has been a resident of the city of Tempe for over 40 years. She was raised in Tempe and had the privilege of raising her sons here, too. She is a graduate and parent of Tempe schools, a leader in Tempe charities, and a lifelong contributor to our city through public service and a passion for community-building.

Berdetta brings experience managing one of Arizona's best school districts. In 2016, Berdetta made history, becoming the first African American woman elected to public office in the city of Tempe. She has served in leadership for the last three years as President and Vice President of the Tempe Union High School District Governing Board, where she has stood as a champion for the needs of students, educators, staff, and working families.

Running the school board entails more than just leading schools—it means operating community institutions responsible to tens of thousands of Tempe families and working with local businesses and governments to make Tempe the best place to work and learn in Arizona.

She has consistently been a voice for making

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smart financial investments in our students and educators, embracing and developing talent right here in the city of Tempe. She serves as a leader, working with local businesses and nonprofits to create partnerships and economic impact that make Tempe the ideal place to work, live, learn, and retire.

Berdetta Hodge has a strong working relationship with the mayors of Tempe, Phoenix, Mesa and other local and statewide leaders in Arizona.

Berdetta takes much pride in her two successful sons, Jevin and Jazin, both graduates of Tempe schools. Additionally, in her free time Berdetta volunteers with student groups in Tempe, such as the Compadre High School Teenage Pregnancy Program (TAPP), where she serves as a mentor and assists with community engagement efforts.

### Additional leadership experiences:

- Vice President of the Booker T. Washington Child Development Center, the longest running Head Start school serving low-income and minority children and families in Arizona
- East Valley NAACP Leadership Team
- Las Brisas Homeowners Association board member, where she oversaw renovations and finances for a community of nearly 1,000 Tempe homeowners and renters.
- Board member for Save Our Schools Arizona
- Former board member of the Mesa Arts Center Foundation
- Former PTA/PTSA/Boosters President and parent for Tempe schools
- City of Tempe Youth and Family Services Board Member



## School Districts in Tempe

**Tempe Elementary School District No. 3**

[tempeschools.org](http://tempeschools.org)

**Tempe Union High School District**

[tempeunion.org](http://tempeunion.org)

**Kyrene School District**

[kyrene.org](http://kyrene.org)

## City of Tempe Education Programs

**Tempe PRE preschool**

[tempe.gov/TempePRE](http://tempe.gov/TempePRE)

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