

Maria P. Jones
Member, Capstone Group



Maria received her Bachelor of Arts degree in Film Production from Howard University in 1988. She holds a Masters degree in Counseling Studies from Capella University.

Since her undergraduate days at Howard, she has nobly served as an arts educator and producer, engaging and empowering hundreds of youth over the years in video and television production, theater, drama and creative writing. She served as Program Coordinator for Studio W for five years, organizing and implementing summer arts enrichment camps for youth enrolled in The Multimedia Training Institute. As Program Coordinator/Producer, her students produced two weekly television shows: Teen Remix and DC 360, two award winning documentaries: Lessons from the Waterfront: The Anacostia and DC Life plus a host of PSA's, one-act plays and other projects relevant to teen life.

Maria was awarded the top DC Screenwriting Award from the DC Office of Motion Picture and Television Development for her screenplay: Missing Pieces. She produced it as a dramatic staged reading with a cast who performed it throughout the Washington DC Metropolitan area. Maria has worked as a producer on various video projects with Just Us Productions and other production companies; she continues to lend her creativity and production skills to Chronicle Vision, LLC. a company that produces broadcast productions for organizations such as Coalition of Black Trade Unionists, The Association for the Study of African-American Life and History and Black Women for Positive Change.

Maria has actively served the Washington, DC community for over 25 years, volunteering in various capacities, including: President of Parents of Design & Production for the Duke Ellington School of the Arts; an active Board Member for Empower, DC for five years; Founding Director for Just Us Rites of Passage Program and currently President & Founding Member of The Capstone Group, a non-profit organization, dedicated to supporting the stakeholders of Howard University and effecting positive change for the university community.

In addition to her volunteer commitments and production work, Maria thoroughly enjoys working as a Library Associate with DC Public Library, where she creates and implements instructive and fun programming for children, teens and adults.