



## Chandra Gill, PhD BIOGRAPHY

Dr. Chandra Gill is an astute educator & award-winning motivational speaker. She has spoken to national and international audiences alike. Viewed by many as a premier scholar and thinker, she is regarded as one of America's most prolific orators. As part of the inaugural class for the Gates Millennium Scholars Program, she was Chicago's first African-American public school recipient at the graduate level. Dr. Gill was inducted into Phi Delta Kappa with high honors, after receiving her Ph.D. in Educational Policy Studies at the University of Illinois – Urbana Champaign. She's a proud alum of Lindblom High School and a native of the Woodlawn community.

Dr. Gill is the founder and CEO of *Blackademically Speaking*, an educational consulting company dedicated to providing motivational and culturally relevant content, products and services. It offers itself as a healthy alternative to pop culture popularity and remains a perfect supplement for standardized curriculums and classrooms, with hopes of enhancing students' learning potential, critical thinking skills and overall character.

As an esteemed educator, Dr. Gill is regarded as one who simply 'knows how to teach,' while touching the hearts and opening the minds of students everywhere. Her *Champions Break Chains Tour* successfully reached 350,000 students, teachers and parents throughout America. Her more recent release, *Black Genes – Black Genius: A Motivational Handbook to Empower Black Youth* is her answer to what she labels an attack on the intellectual and cultural genius of Black children. She's continuing to successfully position her company, *Blackademically Speaking*, as a viable solution to America's education crisis. Her current *History, Healing and Hope Tour*, geared toward culturally empowering Chicago's children, is gaining a motivational momentum serving thousands of students in some of the city's most blighted, violent and underserved communities.

Dr. Gill has received numerous honors and awards. Amongst them are: Today's Chicago Woman *1 of 100 Women to Watch*, Chicago's *Top 40 Game Changers* and NBC's *TheGrio's 100* list (where she joined an impressive group which includes Kevin Hart, Mara Brock Akil, TJ Holmes, Tracee Ellis Ross and Cam Newton). Dr. Gill is also recognized as the first woman to be honored by the University of Illinois Black Alumni Network, receiving its *Power Moves* award. Her thoughts and views as an educational correspondent have graced America's most respected news outlets including WGN-TV, BET, TvOne, Radio One, WVON, MSNBC, NBC and various SiriusXM radio stations. In addition to such, Dr. Gill is a member of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., where she was initiated in the Alpha Nu chapter and currently serves on the National Membership Services Committee. To further expand her gifts of healing and teaching, Dr. Gill is also a contributor for Black America's leading publications, *Ebony / Jet Magazine* and *BlackDoctor.org*. In all things, Dr. Gill speaks to inspire, influence and instigate growth. Her messages are thought provoking, comprehensive, clear and relevant to today's youth. Dr. Gill boldly believes – as she explains to audiences throughout the world, "*I am Called to preach, my Gift is to teach and I'm compelled to speak!*"

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