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Biographical Sketch

Robert J. Yancy is the 1st African American Chairman of the Atlanta Chapter of SCORE. The chapter has 12 branch offices and more than 60 volunteers.

When in 1986, Yancy founded the School of Management at Southern Polytechnic State University he became the 1st African American Dean of a historically white business school in the state of Georgia. His business degree programs earned accreditation in the shortest possible time. Yancy was elected "Professor Emeritus" and "Outstanding Faculty of the Year" for 2005-2006, and received the university's nomination to the "University System of Georgia *Hall of Fame*" in 2006.

During his tenure as an administrator in the University System of Georgia, Dr. Yancy served as (1st African American) Chairman of the Regent's Council of Business School Deans, and as (1st African American) Chairman of the Regent's Advisory Committee on Graduate Affairs.

Prior to working at Southern Polytechnic he served the faculties of the University of West Georgia, Clark Atlanta University, Hampton University, Albany State University, and Southern University.

He has a number of research publications relating to small business and management, including a six-part series entitled "*Managing Business*" that appeared in the *Atlanta Journal and Constitution*, and a book entitled *Federal Government Policy and Black Business Enterprise*. He also co-authored (with Dr. Edward D. Irons) a series of case studies on African American entrepreneurs.

Dr. Yancy's business experience includes the following: partner in Park Space, an airport shuttle parking facility in Atlanta; ownership/management of residential rental properties, President and CEO of ZEBRA Corp., a pioneering manufacturer of industrial paints and coatings, and consultant with FRANNET (a franchise sales organization). He is currently President of Yancy's Place LLC, an on-line referral service for home healthcare. He has also consulted for a number of businesses, large and small.

Dr. Yancy has participated in the Babson College, "Seminar in Entrepreneurial Education" and has done post-graduate work in the field of Higher Education Administration. He earned the B.A. degree from Morehouse College, the M.B.A. from Atlanta University, and the (1st African American) Ph.D. from the Northwestern University, "Kellogg School of Management". (He defended his Ph.D. dissertation on the day before his 29th birthday).

Dr. Yancy is a member or participant in a number of civic and community oriented organizations including Leadership Atlanta Alumni, Leadership Cobb, 100 Black Men of Atlanta, Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, SCORE, and St. Paul's Episcopal Church. He is listed in a number of reference publications including; "*Who's Who in Finance and Industry in America*," "*Outstanding Young Man in America*," "*Who's Who in the South and Southwest*," the "*International Directory of Distinguished Leadership*," "*Black Georgian of the Year in Business*," "*Pioneer Businessman of the Year*," and "*Living Legends in Black*."

In 2014 he was selected to the 2014-2015 class of "*Men of Influence in Atlanta*".