

Bette Spence-Dix

Educator

First Female Alumni Association President

Bette Spence-Dix was born in Washington D.C, where she attended public schools, graduating from Dunbar high school. She matriculated to Lincoln University, where she earned a Bachelor's degree in Journalism in 1951. She received a Master's degree in Education from Webster University.

She was a reporter for the *St. Louis Argus* and *St. Louis News*, owned by Lincolnites Joseph McDuffie and William Russell, respectfully. Later, she was employed by the St. Louis Public Schools for the 32 years, as a teacher and administrator. As coordinator of the St. Louis Public School' Reading Clinics, she served as President of the St. Louis Council-International Reading Association. She was a member of the Association of Curriculum and Development, Administrator's Association and Local 420 of the American Federation of Teachers. During her career, she conducted many workshop and symposiums at various local and national education conventions.

She was elected the first woman president of the Lincoln University (MO) Alumni Association, Inc. serving from 1991-1997. During her tenure as national president, her leadership style resulted in many activities that were beneficial to the University, its students, and alumni. She is the most proud of her role in funding the Ethnic Studies Center at Page Library and the campaign to purchase uniforms for the University's band.

Mrs. Dix is the recipient of many awards from the Greater St. Louis Alumni Chapter, and has an Honorary Doctorate of Humane Letters, L.H.D from Lincoln University.

Dr. Bette Spence-Dix has been married to fellow Lincoln alumnus, Dr. Julius Dix for 56 years. They are proud parents of three children, Darrel, Derrick, and Deirdre.