

Robert Joe Williams

Business

Mr. Robert J. (Bob) Williams is a native of Tulsa, Oklahoma, where he graduated from Booker T. Washington High School. In fall 1946, he enrolled at Lincoln University following a brief stint in the U.S. Navy. In 1950, he graduated from Lincoln with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Education and went on to earn a graduate degree in business administration from Michigan State University, East Lansing, MI.

The heart of his professional career was teaching and counseling at the Boys Training School in Lansing, Michigan. In time he became the first Executive Director of Head Start in Battle Creek, MI. In 1969, he became the first black Executive Director of Capitol Area Community Action Agency and later, State Director of Michigan Youth Employment Services. Bob was also an Associate Professor of Business at Lansing Community College.

By 1979, he had become the co-founder, co-owner and interim manager of the first African-American owned radio station in Lansing, MI: Mid Michigan Radio AM/FM formerly known as Diamond Broadcasters, Inc., 1120 Am. In 1990, Bob moved to Atlanta, GA and formed a business alliance with three of his long-time friends and Mega brothers. Out of that alliance grew Sons Investment Group, Ltd. and Sons Construction Company. Together they are celebrating the recent grand opening of a 21,000-square foot medical facility in College Park, GA.

Mr. Bob Williams and his wife, Ruby, are civil activists as well as staunch supporters of the Atlanta Alumni Chapter, LUNAA and the Lincoln University Foundation. He established the Robert Williams Family and Friend Scholarship with the LU Foundation in 1997. He is also a life member of the NAACP and a past president of the Lansing, MI Chapter. He is a charter member of Fellowship Group Baptist Church in East Point, Ga.