



NC A&T SU RALEIGH/WAKE ALUMNI CHAPTER

NC A&T SU Alumni Paving the Path to Success



Name/Title:

Mrs. Hilda Pinnix-Ragland/Vice President-Northern Region for Progress Energy

Birth/Family:

Mrs. Hilda Pinnix-Ragland was born on May 15, 1955 in Hillsborough, NC. Mrs. Pinnix-Ragland lives in Cary with her husband, Alvin (Al) and daughter, Katherine. Mrs. Pinnix-Ragland is a member of St. Ambrose Episcopal Church in Raleigh. She enjoys traveling, gardening and reading.

Education/Training:

Mrs. Hilda Pinnix-Ragland received her Bachelor of Science degree in Accounting from NC A&T SU in 1977 (magna cum laude). Mrs. Pinnix-Ragland attended St. Johns University in 1977-1978 in Graduate Studies (Taxation) from Jamaica, New York. Mrs. Pinnix-Ragland received her Master of Business Administration in 1986 from Fuqua School of Business at Duke University in Durham, North Carolina.

Employment History/Professional Experience:

Mrs. Pinnix-Ragland began her professional career as an Accountant with Colgate Palmolive May 1974 and then went to work as a Senior Auditor with Arthur Andersen & Company June 1978. Mrs. Pinnix-Ragland joined Carolina Power & Light, now called Progress Energy in 1980 as a systems auditor. She worked her way up through a variety of positions in the company's communications, customer operations, customer service, economic development, management services, treasury and auditing functions. She became a vice president in charge of economic development in 1998 then held a vice president of energy delivery services in 2001. Mrs. Pinnix-Ragland became Vice-President of the Northern Region in 2002. Under her management, she is responsible for community relations and distribution service to over 500,000 customers in a 16-county region area that includes the corporate headquarters. She also serves as vice chair of Progress Energy's Corporate Diversity Council.

Awards, Honors & Recognitions:

Mrs. Pinnix-Ragland has received numerous awards including: the 2007 James E. Stewart Award – American Association of Blacks in Energy (AABE) – Highest National Award; 2006 Leadership Committee – Raleigh Chamber Membership Campaign; 2006 Steering Committee for Wake County School Bond Referendum; 2006 AABE – Former Chair, Member of the Board of Directors; 2006 L. Richardson Preyer Alumni Award from Leadership North Carolina; 2006 Women of Achievement Award – Presented by the General Federation of Women of NC; 2005 Chair – State Board of Community Colleges; 2005 Feature

Article in April, 2005 Issue of Black Business Ink; 2005 Tar Heel of the Week – February 13, 2005; 2005 The Sisters Delany Honor Society Achievement Award/North Carolina Women of Distinction; 2005 Kappa Psi Phi; 2005 Distinguished Citizen Award – Citizen of the Year; 2004 National Association for Equal Opportunity in Higher Education (NAFEO); 2004 Distinguished Alumni Citation of the Year Award; 2003 Distinguished Alumni Award from NC A&T SU; 2002 Business Journal Women in Business Award; 2001 YWCA Academy of Women-Business; 2000 AABE Chairman's Cup Award; 1999 "Women of Note" – African American Hall of Fame; 1999 "Star Award" – Women's Center; 1999 North Carolina Magazine – "Impact 20" – North Carolina's Top 20 Business People; 1998 Cary Chamber of Commerce Outstanding Business Leader Award; 1996 Community Service Award – Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority; & 1995 American Business Woman of the Year.

Memberships/Associations:

Mrs. Pinnix-Ragland is a member of several professional associations including NC State Board of Community Colleges, Board Member/Vice Chair, which she is the first female and first African-American to chair the State Board. Governor Jim Hunt first appointed her to the State Board in 2000 to fill an unexpired term and Governor Easley re-appointed her in 2003; N.C. State University - African American Advisory Council, Chair; Wake Education Foundation Board of Trustees, Board Member; American Association of Blacks in Energy, Director/Chair; & Downtown Raleigh Alliance, Board of Directors/Vice Chair.

Mrs. Hilda Pinnix-Ragland has made a major contribution in paving the path to success. We honor and salute your many accomplishments.