

Dr. Sharon Jefferson Brief Bio



Dr. Sharon Nico' Jefferson is a Palmetto, Florida native who graduated from Palmetto High School. She attended Florida A&M University, then received her Bachelor's Degree in Interdisciplinary Social Sciences from the University of South Florida; her Master's Degree in Curriculum and Instruction from National-Louis University and a Specialist and Doctorate Degree in Educational Leadership from Argosy University. Dr. Jefferson is committed to improving the lives of all children through educational opportunities, believing that education is the path to economic freedom, family stability, and community wellness. In memory of her mother, Evangelist Rosalyn Sumpter Walton, Dr. Jefferson founded the Rosalyn Walton Education and Enrichment Services, Inc (RECESS Education), an organization that partners with other community organizations to provide culturally responsive and innovative educational opportunities for children.

In 2023, Dr. Jefferson founded Freedom Leadership Academy, an online high diploma program for adults. Dr. Jefferson founded this program to enable parents to continue and complete their high school diploma so that they will be on a path to acquire more education, employment opportunities, and stability for their families.

Dr. Jefferson's other community involvements include:

- Palmetto Youth Academy Advisory Board
- Manatee NAACP Education Chairperson
- REACH Manatee with the Manatee Chamber of Commerce
- Manatee Children's Advisory Board
- Member of the Bradenton Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.
- Advisor to the Education Committee of the Manatee Branch of the NAACP
- Manatee League of Women Voters.

- Manatee Democratic Black Caucus

Dr. Jefferson is married to Troy Jefferson, Sr. They have three children: Tyra, Troy, Jr., Tyrese, and a furry child, Teddy.

Dr. Jefferson is a published author, book collector, and gardener who enjoys spending time with family. In her commitment to service, she heeds the words of Ms. Shirley Chisolm, "Service is the rent you pay for room on this *Earth*."