

Marian Y.

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Marian Y. Woods, MBA, is an author, speaker, thought leader, producer, and global corporate executive with over thirty years of business experience in human resource management, leadership development, and business transformation. She worked as senior-level human resources professional for such Fortune 500 companies as AT&T, Verizon, and The Hartford. She has operated as head of human resources for the past twelve years. Marian served as the Commissioner of Human Resources for the City of Atlanta and a member of Mayor Keisha Lance-Bottoms' Cabinet. In addition, Marian serves as the Chief Human Resources officer of the Housing Authority of the City of Pittsburgh. She is widely known as the CEO of Propel Enterprises LLC, a human resource consulting firm comprised of transformation professionals who elevate people and integrate human capital, returning investments that Propel. In addition to her undergraduate work in Psychology, she holds a BS in Organizational Management and an MBA in Human Resource Management. Marian is a doctoral candidate in the process of completing her Doctor of Business Administration in Leadership degree.

Marian is a Leadership Atlanta alum member of The Class of 2017. She previously served as a member of the Board of Directors for the Fulton County Boys & Girls Clubs. She is the Past President of the National Coalition of 100 Black Women, Inc. (NCBW) – MECCA Chapter and served as the NCBW National Third Vice President of Membership and Chapter Development. Marian is an active member of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.

Marian was honored by the National Diversity Council as one of Georgia's Most Powerful & Influential Women. Also, RollingOut Magazine recognized her as one of Atlanta's Female Success Factor Top 25 Women, and she was one of the Forty Female Powerhouses featured in the twelfth edition of Who's Who in Black Atlanta. She was honored as a recipient of the Trumpet Awards Foundation High Heels in High Places Award. Marian is an accomplished writer, appearing regularly as a featured columnist in the Atlanta Tribune Magazine and several other publications. Marian was named the INROADS Southeast Region Atlanta Market Business Advisor of the Year.

Marian Y. Woods, also known as Lady Propel, is the founder and CEO of My Girlfriends, Inc. (MGI). MGI is a registered Georgia non-profit organization that provides personal and professional development for women who find themselves in a proverbial holding pattern, unable to incite advancement. Marian is the Executive Producer and host of the Propel Leadership Development Summit (Propel LDS) for Women and the Venus & Mars Summit (VMS) for Couples. Propel LDS is an annual leadership summit comprised of Master Classes for women in personal progression, relational reciprocity, professional prowess, and financial fitness. VMS is an event purposed to equip couples with the necessary tools to have healthy relationships that continue to evolve through growth and time.

Marian has two biological sons, a bonus son, a bonus daughter, a daughter-in-law, and a granddaughter. Her primary residence is Conyers, GA, with her husband, Raymond Woods.