

FULL BIOGRAPHY

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Before that, she served as program officer at the W.K. Kellogg Foundation, one of the country's largest private, philanthropic foundations, where she provided leadership for execution of efforts that spanned education and learning; maternal child health; and work force development. During her time at the foundation, Khalilah also spearheaded the design and launch of Hope Starts Here: Detroit's Early Childhood Partnership resulting in the creation of the city first comprehensive framework to support young children and their families. Khalilah has also held positions in the non-profit and governmental sectors leading community development efforts focusing on real estate development across six of Michigan's largest cities.

In 2011, she was named to the nine-member Metro Detroit Truth and Reconciliation Commission on Racial Inequality-- Michigan's first such commission. They were charged with gaining a deeper understanding of the historical roots of racial inequality, examining the legacies of race-based opportunity and making recommendations to create a new, more equitable regional culture in Metro Detroit.

Khalilah received a Bachelor of Sports Management and Communication degree and a Master of Urban Planning degree from the University of Michigan-Ann Arbor. This is where she was recognized by the University of Michigan/Urban Land Institute, Network of Commercial Real Estate Women, and the Center for the Education of Women for her academic accomplishments.

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