

DERSCHAUN MONIQUE SHARPLEY

Derschaun Sharpley is president and founder of Helping Individuals Succeed (H.I.S.) Agency located in Detroit, Michigan. Focused on developing positive character in the lives of inner city youth, Derschaun launched H.I.S. in August of 2004. Her desire to effect positive change in her community paved the journey her life would soon unravel.

Derschaun was born and raised on Detroit's west side and educated within the Detroit Public School system. At a very young age, the seeds of charm and etiquette were planted in her and became evident as she grew into a young adult. It helped give her the confidence she needed to study tap, modern dance and ballet, and to pursue professional acting, modeling, and singing. After graduating from Mumford High School, she decided to earn a Cosmetology license from a well-known beauty college in the city. She then furthered her education by obtaining a Bachelor's Degree in Health Care Administration from the Detroit College of Business. She studied further at The Detroit Entrepreneurship Institute to ensure the success of H.I.S. Agency.

H.I.S. is the manifested result of her belief that she is to be a light in the midst of chaos in the lives of children. She believes that youth lack basic everyday living skills needed in order to be productive in today's society. The mission of H.I.S. is to empower young people to succeed by teaching them responsibility, respect and integrity just to name a few.

Derschaun is confident that in order to receive we must first learn to give and with a loving heart. Her calling was confirmed by a young girl in her old neighborhood who recently told her, " when I grow up I want to be just like you."

Derschaun sits on many boards in the city of Detroit to include the Detroit Lions Retired Professional Football Charity. She is a member of the National Association of Women Business Owners (N.A.W.B.O.), and is requested to speak at many events that empower youth and young adults throughout the state of Michigan.