



Chelle Luper Wilson

SPEAKER • ENTREPRENEUR • COMMUNITY ADVOCATE • HISTORIAN

AWARDS/ACCOLADES:

W.E.B. DuBois
Heritage Award

EBONY Magazine's
"30 Leaders of the Future"

National Women of
Achievement Service Award

Leading Women of
America Service Award

Langston University Distinguished
Alumna Service Award

Brown Girls Rock
Excellence in Service Award

Dallas 40/40 Influential
Leadership Award

Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity
Greek Legacy Trailblazer

NAACP Gloster Current
Youth Leadership Award

NAACP Youth & College Division
Legacy Award

NAACP National Image Awards
Presenter

Ralph Ellison Library
Leadership and Service Award

Oklahoma Historical
Society's "Joseph Thoburn
Memorial Award"

KOCO-TV's "5 Who Care,"
Award Recipient

Miss Langston University

Miss Natl Black College
Alumni Hall of Fame

Alpha Kappa Alpha
Sorority, Inc. National
Leadership Fellow

Who's Who Among
Executives & Professionals

Chelle Luper Wilson is a contributing editor and columnist for Texas based I-Media Corporation. Her column "Wordz of Wilson," can be found in newspapers across the country including the *Garland Journal*, *Texas Metro News*, and *I-Messenger Magazine*. Her writing explores the interconnectivity of historical events with present-day experiences and circumstances, particularly relative to the intersections of race, class, and gender, blended with a healthy serving of Black popular and expressive culture. She is a sought after public speaker and workshop facilitator who loves exploring the possibilities of what can happen when we harness our collective power to create the change we want to see in the world.

Chelle serves as the President of the *Clara Luper Legacy Foundation*, a nonprofit she founded to expand the legacy of her mother—civil rights activist Clara Luper, through the preservation of African American history and culture and the implementation of programs and services that nurture the next generation of citizens dedicated to academic excellence and public service. Prior to her work in the nonprofit and entrepreneurial space, Chelle's corporate experience includes management capacities in the fields of marketing, advertising, public relations and sales for several Fortune 100 companies. Presently, Chelle is working on several new projects; including a book celebrating the lives of some lesser-known Black women who led incredibly fascinating and empowering lives, and a podcast with her husband entitled *Health and History* that merges both their passions and will launch later this year.

As a college student, Chelle made history at the 1994 NAACP National Convention by becoming the first youth ever elected to the NAACP National Board of Directors At-Large position. As a national board member, Chelle served in several leadership capacities during a pivotal time of transition for the nation's oldest and largest civil rights organization. Currently, Chelle serves as the International Secretary of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., the oldest Greek-lettered organization established by African-American college-educated women. In this role, she also serves as Executive Secretary to the Alpha Kappa Alpha Educational Advancement Foundation and the Alpha Kappa Alpha Housing Foundation. Chelle previously served as the Regional Director of Alpha Kappa Alpha's South Central Region.

Chelle has a true passion for inspiring youth and helping them develop into their full potential so they are prepared to pursue their purpose. She is active with various youth charities and also maintains active membership in numerous civic and social groups including Jack and Jill of America (North Texas Chapter); The Links, Incorporated (Greater Denton County Chapter); Denton County Medical Society Alliance; Langston University Alumni Association; Mocha Moms; PTA; National Women's Studies Association; Association of Black Women Historians; Black Women's Studies Association; NAACP (Life Member); National Council of Negro Women; Women for Women International; African American Intellectual History Society; Association for the Study of African American Life and History; Schomburg Society; and she is also a charter member of the Smithsonian Museum of African American History and Culture.

Chelle, a native of Northeast Oklahoma City, is a proud alumna of Oklahoma City Public Schools. She is a McCabe Scholar, recipient of the National Thurgood Marshall Scholarship, and a Summa Cum Laude graduate of Langston University, receiving her B.A. in Broadcast Journalism. Chelle also has a Master's degree in Multicultural Women's and Gender Studies, with an emphasis on African and African American Women from Texas Woman's University. She is happily married to Dr. Marc A. Wilson and the couple resides in Frisco, Texas with their three daughters Sasha (16), Sydney (15) & Saige (10) and her favorite son, William (6).