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Dorothy Buckhanan Wilson is a record-breaker ... dialogue instigator.... and mojo-maker in multiple facets of a highly accomplished life.

Dorothy Buckhanan Wilson is an inspirational, high impact national leader, cutting edge author and web series host. She has transformed thousands of lives and several businesses and organizations with her innovative, engaging and transparent leadership style.

Buckhanan Wilson can be described as a shining light who uses her motivational voice to inspire others to make a difference. She is a visionary who has the ability to set ambitious plans and mobilize others to achieve extraordinary results. She delivers messages of hope, empowerment and teamwork with her passionate, dynamic style. Buckhanan Wilson is often described as fashionable, results oriented and driven, with a compassionate, understanding approach.

Buckhanan Wilson is one who has consistently worn the title of first, youngest and only throughout her career. She was the first African American to achieve Brand Manager status at S. C. Johnson Wax; the youngest woman to lead a major public/private business initiative with the Milwaukee Private Industry Council and the first African American to achieve Senior Vice President level at Goodwill Industries of Southeastern Wisconsin- the largest Goodwill operations in the world. In that role, she conceived and launched nine state-of-the-art Workforce Connection Centers to generate employment opportunities for 30,000 people annually in Southeastern Wisconsin and Metropolitan Chicago.

Buckhanan Wilson has also achieved an extraordinary level of success in her civic life, ascending to the Board of Directors of two major womens' service organizations. Her commitment to community service and strong local program delivery, along with her unmatched ability to build national coalitions, led to election and service as International President of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated and National First Vice President of Top Ladies of Distinction, Incorporated. She was the first and only Wisconsin resident to serve in these roles leading over 300,000 powerful, accomplished women.

As the four-year international president of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, she led the expansion of endowed scholarships, along with a signature enrichment program for 40,000 high school students: ASCEND. During her leadership, membership reached record levels with 40% growth, more than 1 million backpacks were collected benefiting 300,000 families, \$12 million dollars was raised for Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCU's) and 2,200 playgrounds restored nationwide.

Buckhanan Wilson was the first in her family to graduate college and the first to attain a Masters Degree—an achievement that lit a fire not just for her own academic pursuits but ensured educational opportunities for numerous family members.

A dedication to educational opportunity is matched by her passion for dialogue that opens minds and begins change-making conversations. In fact her multimedia web series platform was named Conversations and it included live town-hall

sessions and web-driven interviews, including audiences in the thousands and featuring change-agent women like former DC Mayor Sharon Pratt Kelly, Congresswoman Frederica Wilson, Actress Vanessa Bell Calloway, Today Show Anchor Sheinelle Jones and Actress Holly Robinson Peete.

The dialogue continues today through a new powerful new web series "To The Point" with discussions about life topics that matter to women.

Record-breaking? Just another day for this dynamo. She presented keynote remarks at a chartering banquet in Dubai-United Arab Emirates, leading the largest delegation of African-American women ever assembled at one time in the UAE (625+). Guinness Book of World Records next? Why not! She has been recognized twice for her exemplary event planning skills. Buckhanan Wilson led teams that staged the largest banquet event in the world... and the largest banquet event ever in one room!

This long-time corporate executive in both the non-profit and for-profit sectors, has led major organizations and billion dollar brand lines. She has been celebrated in features including Essence Magazine (2016- Influential Women Leaders); Rolling Out Magazine's Outstanding Community Service Recognition; Walgreen's Black History Calendar of 25 Influential African-Americans; 2016's listing of the 25 Most Influential African Americans in Wisconsin; the Christian Recorder; HBCU Digest, HBCU News, Atlanta Journal Constitution, The Milwaukee Journal Sentinel, The Houston Chronicle and The State. In addition to receiving over 250 awards and proclamations, to date, she is the recipient of keys to over 200 cities, citations from the 43rd and 44th Presidents of the United States of America and a service medallion from the United States Naval Service Group Middle Pacific. She was recently inducted into the prestigious HBCU Alumni Hall of Fame, and featured on the cover of HBCU Times.

As an in-demand dynamic public speaker, she's given keynote remarks during the 75th Anniversary Celebration of Doris "Dorie" Miller at Pearl Harbor in Honolulu Hawaii, keynote remarks at the International Meetings of the American Red Cross and American Heart Association. She also gave remarks and helped ring the Closing Bell at the New York Stock Exchange with the Alzheimers Association. Buckhanan Wilson has been a panelist at several Congressional Black Caucus Foundation Roundtable discussions; participated in a panel discussion on African American Women Changing the World, and countless other events. In 2017, the tireless advocate for high school mentoring received the United Nations Association Global Impact Award for the innovative UN Global Classrooms program.

Buckhanan Wilson is a highly sought after career coach for selected corporate executives, civic leaders and non profit board members. She is also a popular workshop leader and seminar facilitator. She has led workshop sessions on women's empowerment, personal branding and time management at hundreds of corporate, non profit and civic oriented conferences. Current workshop topics include:

- Unleash the Power of Your Team
- Develop A Gutsy Vision
- Move From Average to Bodacious
- Go Big or Go Home: Be All In
- Empower and Engage to Evolve
- Bring Your "A" Game
- Lead with Innovation
- Develop Your Own Success Playbook

Buckhanan Wilson's personal mantra is a belief that "Our lives our defined by how much we positively impact others." Leave every situation better because you were there. With a fearless determination to gather and share wisdom, open dialogue, challenge norms, build opportunities, and give back... Dorothy Buckhanan Wilson is a voice and spirit with much to share. When not a whirring blur of motion, she lives in her hometown of Milwaukee as a "blessed mother" to two adult children.

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