

Linda D. Forte



Education:

1971 Graduate of Thomas W Harvey High School
1974 Bowling Green State University, Bachelor of Science, Psychology, French, cum laude
1982 University of Michigan, MBA, Finance and Accounting
1996 Graduate of Leadership Detroit XVII

Career Service:

Comerica Bank

1975-1983 Assistant Banking Center Manager, Human Resources Compensation, and Loan Analyst
1983-1987 Assistant Vice President/Manager, Loan Administration Group
1987-1992 Vice President/Corporate Banking Officer, U.S. Banking Group
1992-1995 Vice President/Alternate Group Manager, Health & Education Group
1995-1999 Vice President/Manager, Municipal Banking Services
1999-2004 First Vice President/Manager, Small Business North Central Loan Group
2004- Senior Vice President of Business Affairs and Chief Diversity Officer for Comerica Incorporated. She is responsible for defining and driving business strategies that establish Comerica as a leader in diversity and work life practices. She is also responsible for the Comerica Charitable Foundation, Corporate Contributions, and Civic Affairs, overseeing corporate giving and community involvement programs.

Past and Present Civic and Professional Affiliations:

- Director of the Economic Development Corporation, City of Detroit
- Executive Committee Member and Past President and Executive Committee Member, Women's Caring Program, Milford, Michigan
- Advisory Board Member and Past President, Black Family Development, Inc.
- Board Member, Neighborhood Development Corporation of the City of Detroit
- Board Member, United Negro College Fund, Michigan Leadership Team
- Member and Past President, Urban Financial Services Coalition, Detroit Chapter
- Board Member and Executive Committee Member, New Detroit
- Past Executive Committee, Chair & Board Member, Michigan Women's Foundation
- Advisory Board Member and Past President, Black Family Development, Inc.

Recognition:

2005 Women's Informal Network "One of the Most Influential African-American Women in Michigan"
2011 Black Enterprise Magazine "Top Executives in Diversity"
2012 Arab and Chaldean Council "Community Service Award"
2012 Michigan Women's Foundation "Woman of Achievement and Courage"
2012 Uptown Magazine "Detroit Catalyst"
2012 Mercy Education "Project PHD Honoree"
2012 Savoy Magazine "Top Influential Women in Corporate America"
2013 Bowling Green State University Inductee into the "Academy of Distinguished Alumni"
2013 Dbusiness Magazine "Powered by Women" Honoree
2013 Girl Scouts "Tough Cookie" Leadership Award
2013 Women and Leadership in the Workplace "Distinguished Service Award"

Linda has extraordinary accomplishments and has made significant contributions to her chosen professional field and to people in need through her community involvement. Through her work with Comerica Bank, she has focused her efforts on guiding a great number of community organizations that provide funding, training, and opportunities to women, families, and young people in need.

Inducted:
Member of The Harvey Alumni Association
Distinguished Graduates
May 22, 2014