

Patrick C. Graham, PhD



Dr. Patrick C. Graham is President/CEO of the Urban League of Central Carolinas, Inc. with 17 years of executive level experience in the social sector and 15 years of college level teaching experience. He is a Professor of History and Humanities at Strayer University.

Dr. Graham is a graduate of Johnson C. Smith University (B.S. Marketing), University of Wisconsin (M.A. Afro-American Studies Media and Policy), and Stony Brook University (Ph.D. American History with focus in Migration and Civil Rights).

He is the author of several academic and popular media essays on subjects ranging from Migration, Civil Rights, Black Power Movement, and Diversity and Inclusion. He is the Editor in Chief and contributor to the book, *Faces of Reality: The State of Ethnic Charlotte*. Dr. Graham will release two new books in the upcoming months, *We've Come This Far By Faith: A Long Island Towns Struggle with Migration and Black Power* and *Then There Was Courage: Brave Moments in the Lives of Black Men*.

As part of his civic life Dr. Graham is appointed by the Mayor of Charlotte as Chair of the Youth Committee for Charlotte Works and was appointed by the North Carolina Governor as 12th District Commissioner for North Carolina Social Service Commission. He also serves on the Board of the YMCA of Belmont, Chair of Advisory Board for Bank of Urban League of Central Carolinas, Advisory Board of Fifth Third Bank and former President of the Diversity Council of the Carolinas in addition to other boards and committees.

In 2014, The Urban League of Central Carolinas was named "Most Improved Affiliate" by the National Urban League under his leadership. In 2012, Uptown Magazine awarded Dr. Graham the Charlotte Catalyst Humanitarian of the Year Award and the National Urban League named him Innovative Champion of the Year. In August of 2012, he delivered the National Urban League Conference sermon for Family Day following the likes of T.D. Jakes, and Jesse Jackson Jr. He was the first Urban League CEO ever selected to provide one of the Conference's most important messages. He has served as keynote speaker, panel member, and facilitator of several leadership, business, and faith venues.

Dr. Graham is the proud father of four and was given license as a Minister in the Baptist Church under Dr. Osbey Roddey of Langrum Branch Baptist Church in York, South Carolina.