



Dr. Joan M. Prince

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On September 12, 2012, Dr. Joan M. Prince was nominated by President Barack Obama to the General Assembly of the United Nations as a public delegate, with the honorary rank of Ambassador. This diplomatic position also maintained an appointment as a Senior Advisor to the Department of State.

In these roles, Prince occupied the United States chair in the General Assembly of the United Nation where she delivered policy statements on behalf of the United States regarding global economic and human rights issues such as global health delivery systems, the education of Women and girls, and other humanitarian issues. She worked closely with UN committees and related organizations such as The World Bank, USAID, UNICEF, the World Health Organization and UN Women.

She is a native of Milwaukee, Wisconsin and was the first African American to hold undergraduate and graduate degrees in Clinical Laboratory Medicine with a specialty in flow cytometry and hematology, and a doctorate degree in Medical Science Education from the University of Wisconsin Milwaukee.

In her professional career, Dr. Prince served as an administrator for fifteen years at Medical Science Laboratories – an affiliate then of the Wheaton Franciscan Health System, four years at the University of Wisconsin Medical School as the Director of The Health Professions Partnership Initiative (a state-wide initiative funded by the Association of American Medical Colleges {AAMC} that focused on increasing the number of underrepresented students in medicine and the health professions, and over two decades at the University of Wisconsin Milwaukee as a Vice Chancellor and Clinical Associate Professor in Biomedical Sciences. She has executive level expertise in health policy, education and its associated pipelines and supply chains, and is known as a global civil rights advocate with a commitment to educational and health equity. Her direct leadership in medical school admissions programs, university recruitment and retention efforts, and community initiatives has resulted in success for many who felt that their dreams of educational and professional attainment would not occur.



Dr. Prince is a seasoned board chair and board director of public, private and nonprofit organizations, both nationally and regionally. She served on the board of directors and as chair of the Governance committee for The Council on Foundations, a national nonprofit leadership association of grantmaking foundations and corporations, (www.cof.org). Other national nonprofit board service included her tenure as board chair of the Urban Libraries Council, a membership organization of 150 of North America's leading public library systems (www.ulc.org). Regional nonprofit service included tenure as a board director of The Greater Milwaukee Foundation where she served on the Finance, Nominating and Grant committee, as well as board President of the Milwaukee Public Library Board where she also served as chair of the Finance, Innovation, and Building committees. Dr. Prince is a founding member of MWi, an organization committed to achieving a balanced representation of women on corporate boards <https://milwaukeewomeninc.org/>. She has also served in community volunteer leadership positions with several local organizations such as The Milwaukee Urban League, the YWCA of Greater Milwaukee, the United Way of Greater Milwaukee and Waukesha County, TEMPO Milwaukee and Visit Milwaukee, to name a few.

Dr. Prince currently serves as a corporate board member of the Ascendium Education Group as well as The Aspen Group (a publicly traded education technology company). Prince is a corporate board member of Managed Health Services-Wisconsin, a subsidiary of the Centene Corporation (NYSE: CNC) and director emeritus of C. G. Schmidt Construction Company. She continues to serve on the Froedtert Theda Care Health System board in Wisconsin where she chairs the Governance committee, the Siebert Lutheran Foundation board where she sits as Chair of the Board, and the board of directors as a Regent for the University of Wisconsin System.

Dr. Prince also serves on the National Board of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated. She is the current Chair of the Institutional Research Committee, and has served in other roles on the national board as chair of Program, Planning and Development committee and chair of the Dr. Thelma T. Daley Distinguished Professor Endowed Chair committee. She has also served on the Delta Research and Educational Foundation (DREF) board.



She is also a member of the National Association of Corporate Directors (NACD), and a founding member of the Private Directors Association - Wisconsin chapter.

In recognition of her commitment to community service, Prince has been recognized by national, regional, and local organizations. She has been honored over the years by the Milwaukee Business Journal as a Power Broker and the national business magazine – The Network Journal, as a national Woman of Influence. She has been featured as one of the 10 Most Powerful Women in Milwaukee in Milwaukee Magazine, and has received the inaugural Betty award from Milwaukee Magazine, named in honor of its founder, Betty Quadracci. She has also received the Whitney M. Young, Jr., Legacy award from The Urban League and the Phoenix award from Congresswoman Gwen Moore at the Congressional Black Caucus.

