

Chanel Hampton Full-Length Professional Bio

Dr. Chanel Hampton serves as the Founder and Chief Executive Officer of Strategic Community Partners (SCP). In 2015, Chanel launched SCP with a vision of pairing excellent strategy and execution with unapologetic community and cultural context. SCP works with organizations by advising, designing, and managing projects and initiatives that advance equity with and for communities. SCP works with a robust array of partners, including Detroit Public Schools Community District, The Skillman Foundation, United Way for Southeastern Michigan, Washington, D.C.'s Office of the State Superintendent of Education, WEPOWER St. Louis, My Brother's Keeper Alliance, The Obama Foundation and numerous other community-based organizations and leaders. SCP also operates a community center and co-working space in Detroit's Fitzgerald neighborhood, in addition to offices in Washington, D.C. and St. Louis.

Prior to founding SCP, Chanel began her traditional career as a middle school teacher, where her passion for larger systemic change in the education system grew. Particularly moved by the need for diverse teacher talent and equitably operating organizations, Chanel began her work in administration and later joined Teach for America's National Recruitment Team. Founding and leading national diversity initiatives, Chanel served as a national recruitment team executive and also worked with the organization's 52 regions as a strategic advisor and partner--resulting in unprecedented community engagement, as well as diversity, equity, and inclusion efforts and progress with communities across the country. Chanel also led several additional organization-wide initiatives and partnerships, including the Congressional Black Caucus Foundation's Annual Legislative Conference.

During her career, Chanel has also served as a central office executive in public school systems, including Detroit Public Schools; and worked with departments of education, including the Michigan Department of Education, and government agencies to ensure equitable practices.

Chanel holds a bachelor's degree in African-American studies, psychology, and sociocultural anthropology along with two master's degrees in secondary education and education administration. Building upon her experience in equitable changemaking, Chanel earned a doctoral degree in organizational leadership from Creighton University.

Chanel's lifelong passions for Detroit, justice, education, and equity drive her personally and professionally and motivate her to continue, as well as expand.