



BIOGRAPHY

DR. RANDAL D. PINKETT
FOUNDER, CHAIRMAN AND CEO, BCT PARTNERS
SEASON 4 WINNER OF "THE APPRENTICE"

Dr. Randal Pinkett has established himself as an entrepreneur, speaker, author and community servant. He is the founder, chairman and CEO of BCT Partners, a multimillion dollar consulting firm based in Newark, NJ, that specializes in information technology, organizational development, and public policy. Dr. Pinkett was also named the winner of NBC's hit reality television show, *The Apprentice*, with Donald Trump. He emerged as one of 18 candidates chosen from among 1 million applicants to compete for the opportunity to run one of Donald Trump's companies. He was responsible overseeing both renovation and information technology projects for Trump Entertainment Resorts in Atlantic City, NJ. Since then, Dr. Pinkett has maintained a role with the Trump Organization as a boardroom advisor on *The Apprentice*, national spokesperson for the Trump Institute and faculty member for Trump University.

Prior to founding BCT Partners, Dr. Pinkett gained corporate experience as a Member of Technical Staff at General Electric, AT&T Bell Laboratories, and Lucent Technologies. Dr. Pinkett holds five degrees including: a Bachelor of Science in Electrical Engineering from Rutgers University, that he completed while serving as captain of the men's track and field team as a high jumper and long jumper; a Master of Science in Computer Science from the University of Oxford in England; and a Master of Science in Electrical Engineering, MBA, and Ph.D. from Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT).

Dr. Pinkett has received numerous awards including the following: National Society of Black Engineers–Entrepreneur of the Year Award, National Urban League–Business Excellence Award, and he has been recognized by USA TODAY newspaper as one of the top 20 scholars in the country. Also, Dr. Pinkett has been featured on nationally televised programs such as *The Today Show*, *Live with Regis and Kelly*, *Nightline* and *Larry King Live*. He is a brand ambassador for Verizon Communications and Outback Steakhouse, and a spokesperson for Autism Speaks, National Black MBA Association, Miller Urban Entrepreneurs Series, New Jersey Reads and Junior Achievement of New York. Most notably, Dr. Pinkett is a Rhodes Scholar, and was the first and only African-American ever to receive this prestigious award at Rutgers University.

Dr. Pinkett is a highly sought-after speaker for various corporations, colleges and universities, government agencies and community organizations. He is the author of *Campus CEO: The Student Entrepreneur's Guide to Launching a Multimillion-Dollar Business* and *No-Money Down CEO: How to Start Your Dream Business with Little or No Cash*. He is the co-author of the forthcoming, *Black Faces in White Places*, to be released in 2009. Dr. Pinkett is a proud member of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc., as well as a member of the board of directors for the New Jersey Public Policy Research Institute and the Nonprofit Technology Enterprise Network.

Born in Philadelphia and raised in New Jersey, Dr. Pinkett attends First Baptist Church in Somerset, NJ. He is happily married to his wife, Zahara, and they are proud parents of their daughter, Amira Leslie. Dr. Pinkett firmly believes that "for those to whom much is given, much is expected," and therefore places great emphasis on his desire to give back to the community.

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