

# Gwynetta S. Gittens — Educator • Equity Advocate • Speaker

Gwynetta S. Gittens is a woman whose life story is defined by resilience, service, and an unshakeable commitment to equity. From her roots in rural Mississippi to her rise as a prominent figure in Florida education and politics, she has dedicated her career to being a voice for the forgotten.

Gwynetta achieved national recognition when she broke a 132-year barrier to become the first person of color elected to the Lee County School Board. During her four-year term, she served as Board Chair and led critical committees on Finance, Audit, and Strategic Planning. Her tenure was marked by a defiant stance against the status quo—advocating for the removal of decades-old portables in underserved zones and pushing for a forensic audit to help ensure taxpayer dollars reached the classroom.

Her leadership is informed by a prestigious professional background. As a Vice President and Training Manager at Bank of America, she developed curriculum and sales strategies across the state of Florida. As an educator, she was a four-time Golden Apple finalist who taught across all grade levels, from elementary to adult education. This diverse experience—from corporate boardrooms to the front lines of the classroom—equipped her to develop impactful programs such as *Believe to Achieve* and *Diversity in a Box*.

In her book, *UNERASABLE – I'm Still Here*, Gwynetta shares the personal cost of her political battle, including intense chronic stress that contributed to major heart issues and a stroke. Her survival—physical and political—reflects her faith and her conviction that “Failure is not an option” when children’s futures are at stake.

Gwynetta holds a Bachelor’s in Psychology with a minor in Business from the University of Maryland and a Master’s in Educational Leadership from Nova Southeastern University. A sought-after motivational speaker and consultant, she continues her mission through GwynEducation, LLC, providing training, program development, and empowerment strategies for stakeholders across the education system. Her legacy remains unerasable because she continues to prove that no matter how hard others try to silence a voice of truth, “WE are ALL Unerasable.”

## Suggested Speaking Topics

- **The 132-Year Ceiling:** Breaking barriers and surviving the “curse of being a first.”
- **Leading with Transparency:** Fiduciary duty, accountability, and systemic change in large organizations.
- **Resilience Over Erasure:** Overcoming health crises and professional sabotage to fulfill your calling.
- **The Advocacy Bridge:** Connecting parents, students, and administrators for educational success.
- **Diversity in a Box:** Authentic approaches to equity and cultural competence in the modern workplace.

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