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Cassandra Davis-Blanks describes herself as the end product of all ancestors who have come before her. She walks daily with them and stands proudly on their shoulders. Mrs. Davis-Blanks has built a career committed to the education of Urban Youth. Having instructed students from elementary to college, Davis-Blanks has made a personal commitment to empowering young adults to “go to their destiny.”

Davis-Blanks is the author of the first federally funded Upward Bound Program at Rutgers University – Newark, and has successfully authored and received over 10 million dollars in grants that provide support services for low income, first generation students, parents, teachers, and schools. Also a presenter, Davis-Blanks has served on professional development training teams for the Council for Opportunity in Education, New Jersey Commission on Higher Education, National Association of Community College Teacher Education Programs, Association for Equality and Excellence in Education, Inc. (for which she is a past president), National Association of Medical Minority Educators, Inc., and Newark Public Schools. She has received honors and awards from the Women’s Bureau New Jersey Leadership Forum, Best Practices Award from Newark Public Schools, NJ Community Leader Award from the United States Senate, and proudly served as Principal for a Day for Newark Public Schools. Davis-Blanks is also a member of the National Association of Professional Women.

A proud Blue Devil, Mrs. Davis-Blanks is an alumna of Central High School in Newark, New Jersey – one of the Seton Hall University Upward Bound target schools. A strong believer in education, she has completed Bachelors and Masters of Art degrees from Seton Hall University, and a Masters of Science in Management from Thomas Edison College.

Presently, Davis-Blanks serve as Associate Dean in the Office of Special Academic Programs providing oversight for Federally Funded TRIO Programs at Seton Hall University. Mrs. Davis-Blanks is married to New Jersey State Senior Officer Alfred H. Blanks and is the sole proprietor of Victory Enterprises, an Educational Consulting and Support Company.