



## *Carmen Joyce Blake*

### *President of Brockman Institute*

*Carmen Blake served as an ambassador traveling throughout the world escorting groups and meeting with many dignitaries. She has traveled to many far and remote locations, including Timbuktu (Mali) and to every continent of the world. Carmen has been an advisor to many companies worldwide. She is the founder and President of the Brockman Institute. Her background in education is well-known throughout many countries. She has spoken worldwide on her fight against illiteracy. Carmen was a specialist for Child Advocacy and sat on the Attorney General's Advisory Council in Sacramento. She worked on legislation that affected the welfare of young adults and seniors. Carmen was a legislative analyst for the State of California.*

*Carmen Joyce Blake was born in Ann Arbor, Michigan. She attended Cass Technical High School and became a professional model and dancer when she was 12 years in Detroit, Michigan. She danced with Ziggy Johnson's School of the Theater and performed at the Latin Quarters.*

*She studied voice and piano at the Detroit Conservatory of Music and was a music major while a student at Cass Technical High.*

*She graduated from Los Angeles Southwest College. Carmen studied under a full scholarship at Oregon State University, where she made the Dean's List afterwards transferring to the University of Miami, Coral Gables, Florida.*

*There, she received her BA in Education - Economics/ Music with Summa cum Laude Honors. She also received a scholarship to study in Bern, Switzerland. She returned to California and attended the University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA, where she completed units towards her Masters in Political Science).*

*Carmen represented the National Committee for Citizens in Education headquartered in Maryland. She was active in the political development of the community. She was chosen from a field of 125 nominees across the United States for her outstanding work in the community and public service. She was honored by the National Council of Negro Women (NCNW) at the Frito/Lay "Salute to Black Women who make it Happen".*

*For many years, Carmen has taken groups of travelers on educational, historical and cultural tours that have broaden their horizons and brought about a better understanding of people in the world.*

*She was selected to represent the International Travel and Trade Industry in its "1st World of Tourism" held in Berlin, Germany in 2001 and through 2005.*

*Carmen was also honored by the Professional Women in Business of America, as a "Phenomenal Woman, 2002 Hall of Fame."*