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Dr. Randal D. Pinkett
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Author of *Campus CEO* and *No-Money Down CEO*

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 management, technology and policy consulting services firm based in Newark, NJ, that works with corporations, government agencies and philanthropic organizations. BCT Partners is a minority-owned and operated company and one of the leading firms in the country with expertise in the following industries: housing and community development, economic development, healthcare, human services and education.

Dr. Pinkett was also named the winner of NBC's hit reality television show, *The Apprentice*, with Donald Trump. He was selected as one of 18 candidates chosen from among 1 million applicants to compete for the opportunity to run one of Donald Trump's companies. During his first year, 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). In July 2009, Dr. Pinkett was named to New Jersey Governor Jon Corzine's official shortlist as a running mate for Lieutenant Governor of New Jersey.

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*. His forthcoming book, *Black Faces in White Places*, chronicles his experiences as well the experiences of his college roommate, Dr.

Jeffrey Robinson, as African Americans who have successfully navigated predominantly white institutions. 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 (NJPPRI), the Nonprofit Technology Enterprise Network (N-TEN), and the Institute for Innovation in Government Technology (IIGT), and the board of advisors for the Community Technology Centers' Network (CTCNet).

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

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