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Maude Lofton, MD '79

Growing up during the era of segregation and Jim Crow laws in Jacksonville, Florida, Dr. Lofton's career options were limited. She loved science and aspired to become a teacher, following the path of the women who influenced her. During her junior year at Spelman College in Atlanta, she discovered the field of medical technology. After working in that field for

almost a decade, she decided to seek an advanced degree at the University of Florida during a time when the College of Medicine was seeking to increase its minority student enrollment. She would eventually meet Mr. Willie Sanders, director of the college's Office of Minority Affairs. Dr. Lofton successfully completed the prescribed course of study and was admitted to the College of Medicine. She did her pediatric residency at the University Hospital in Jacksonville, which later became UF Health Jacksonville. Upon completion of her residency, Dr. Lofton joined the UF College of Medicine faculty as an assistant professor of pediatrics and was invited to serve on the admissions committee. While in Jacksonville, Dr. Lofton served on the Mayor's Commission for Children and Youth and the Governor's Commissions on Children and Youth for the State of Florida and wrote a weekly column for the Jacksonville Advocate newspaper. She received numerous awards and commendations for her child and family advocacy from the city of Jacksonville, area churches, the Jacksonville Urban League, the NAACP and Alpha Kappa Alpha sorority. She worked with the department of child development at Howard University and was on the faculty of the University of Alabama College of Medicine at Birmingham, where she pursued advanced training in child development and served on the admissions committee. She was awarded the 1998 Children's Advocate Award by the Children's Resources Agency. She was also on the faculty of the University of Louisville College of Medicine. Dr. Lofton's professional career was highlighted in a 2007 edition of American Hospital Association News. Her focus is now on supporting health and education programs for youth, especially leadership development for girls and young women, and women's health and wellness. A longstanding member of the National Association of Health Services Executives, Dr. Lofton retired from the active practice in 2002 after moving to Denver, where she now resides. A life member of the Alpha Kappa Alpha sorority, Dr. Lofton is the chairman of the board of CourMed, a Dallas-based startup drug delivery company. She is also on the board of the Greater New Orleans Economic Development Foundation. The principal owner of Lofton Enterprises, Dr. Lofton is

currently developing a mixed-use commercial/residential project in the historic cultural district of Denver, known as 5 Points.