

Sonja R. Scott

Sonja R. Scott is a native of Clyo, Ga. She attended Effingham County High School ('85). Learning early of the importance of excellence, Sonja was an honor roll student, editor of the yearbook, newspaper reporter, and a member of several extra-curricular activities.

Her family's amazing entrepreneurial journey is chronicled in *Ebony Magazine's* "Coolest Black Family in America"- February 15, 2015 edition. This article highlights her relentless need to contribute back to her "village". Sonja is currently creator of Launch.Me Consultants, a community organization that specializes in assisting teens reach their college/university of choice by creating customized educational plans, mentorship, and networks . She was employed by The Effingham County Board of Education for a total of 10 years, seven of those years serving as the adult education coordinator. As a public speaker and trainer, Sonja has inspired audiences at Estill Federal Prison, Effingham County's Annual MLK Youth Program, Groves High School female logistics classes, Stellar Productions Woman of the Year keynote speaker, and countless inspirational seminars and speaking engagements throughout coastal Georgia and South Carolina.

Sonja attended The University of Georgia and obtained a BA in Public Relations with a minor in Business ("90). She later obtained her Master of Teaching- Exceptional Children from Armstrong- Atlantic University. It was here that Sonja developed a love for the art of creating engaging and creative instructional material.

A servant at heart, Sonja has a passion for community involvement: Treutlen House Advisory Board (secretary), Co-Founder, Youth Innovations, LLC, Leadership Effingham (member), Jack and Jill of America, Savannah Chapter (member), and Kappa Delta Pi- International Honor Society in Education. Sonja serves as the International Youth Director of Pentecostal Miracle Deliverance Ministry, helping to meet the spiritual needs of this generation of youth in South Carolina, Florida, Georgia, and Jamaica, West Indies outreach churches. Recently, Sonja was ordained as the assistant Pastor of Pentecostal Miracle Deliverance Ministry- Guyton, GA .

When she isn't serving as a basketball mom, tennis mom, or a plethora of other mom hats, she enjoys mentoring young women in their roles as mothers, wives, and entrepreneurs. Sonja loves writing. Currently she is launching her first children's book " Ikio Learns to Fish ", a children's book based on learning

strategies. She and her husband Roger are co-owners of Scott & Son's Trucking L.L.C. Over the past 16 years their company has served as a minority sub-contractor for more than five prime construction companies throughout Georgia. Most recently, in 2015, they were a part of the construction team responsible for the *Tanger Outlet* Mall in Pooler, GA. She enjoys attending Dallas Cowboys games and traveling with her husband and their three gifted and handsome sons, Roger, Jr., (24) is currently completing welding school and working full-time at an aerospace firm, Darius(18) is a freshman at Cornell University in Ithaca, NY and Isaiah(15) is a sophomore at South Effingham High School .