

**BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION**  
**Dr. Barbara Ann Darby**

A member of Woodlawn Presbyterian Church since relocating to Jacksonville from New York in 1972, Dr. Barbara Ann Darby retired as president of the North Campus and the Nassau Center of Florida State College at Jacksonville in July 2015. She held this position since 1998. Dr. Darby received her Bachelor of Science degree in Nursing from Hunter College in New York, a Master of Education degree from Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University and a Master of Science in Nursing from the University of Florida. She received her Doctor of Education in Educational Leadership from the University of North Florida. She gives God, the Center of her life, all praise and glory for whatever she has accomplished

She is married to John Darby, Jr. They have two daughters (Jzanyt & Tamara), a son (Jonathan), and two grandsons (Alexander- 25 and Brandon-22). Barbara enjoys reading biographies and historical literature, shopping, dancing, and listening to smooth jazz and spiritual music.

**PUBLICATIONS:**

My Leadership Journey: Wisdom from the Trenches (2019). Florida: Williams & King Publishers.

**Beginning Nursing Practice and Mentoring Relationships (1995). Published Dissertation.**

**PROFESSIONAL AND CIVIC AFFILIATIONS:**

- Delta Sigma Theta, Inc., Jacksonville Alumnae Chapter – Past President
- The Links, Incorporated, Bold City Chapter – Past President
- Jacksonville Community Engagement Group, Education Committee Chair
- Annual Urban Education Symposium: Reclaiming Young Black Males for Jacksonville’s Future, Co-Founder
- Leadership Jacksonville, Past Board Chair, Class of 1993
- Jacksonville Women’s Network
- Eartha M. M. White Legacy Fund Advisory Board of Directors
- Jacksonville Symphony Board
- Memorial Hospital Board of Trustees
- Profectus Learning Systems, Inc. - Valor & Virtue Academies Co-Founder
- City Rescue Mission Board
- City Year Jacksonville
- Volunteers in Medicine Board
- Kids Hope Alliance Board – Governance Committee Chair

**PROFESSIONAL RECOGNITIONS:**

- 11/98 Mayor's Proclamation — "Barbara Darby Month"
- 1/99 JM Family Enterprises — African American Achiever
- 3/99 Gateway Girl Scout Council — Women of Distinction Award
- 6/99 Onyx Magazine — Cover Story
- 8/99 First Coast African American Women Award
- 1/00 Times Union — "Up and Comers"
- 5/00 Community Connections — Celebration of Leadership "A Tribute to Excellence" Award
- 2/01 UNF — Outstanding Alumnus
- 3/01 Mayor's Commission on the Status of Women — Women of Courage and Vision
- 4/03 Leadership Jacksonville, Inc. — Community Trustee Award
- 4/03 First Coast Manufacturers Assoc. — Community Award
- 5/03 Northwest Behavior Health Services — Living Legend Award
- 5/03 New Life Community United Methodist Church — Christian Women in Leadership Award
- 4/08 EVE Award Finalist in Education
- 9/08 Women of Color Cultural Foundation Award for Education
- 11/11 Bank of America Local Heroes Award
- 6/12 Eta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc. — Community Award Recipient
- 5/13 Northwest Behavioral Health Services, Inc. - Points of Excellence Award
- 1/14 Mayor's Trailblazer Award in Education
- 10/14 Jacksonville Urban League's Clanzell T. Brown Award for Education, Social Activism & Commitment to change the lives of youth
- 2/15 Dr. Mary McLeod Bethune Award for Education
- 10/15 National Council on Black American Affairs-Southern Region – Distinguished Educator Award
- 04/16 Outstanding Service Award, Kappa Alpha Psi, Fraternity, Inc.
- 12/19 2021 UNF Distinguished Alumni Award

