

# Dr. Randal Pinkett



Dr. Randal Pinkett has established himself as an entrepreneur, speaker, author and scholar, and as a leading voice for his generation in business and technology. He is the co-founder, chairman and CEO of his fifth venture, BCT Partners, a multimillion-dollar research, training, consulting, technology, and data analytics firm headquartered in Newark, NJ. BCT's mission is to provide insights about

diverse people that lead to equity and the company has been named to *Black Enterprise's* BE 100 list of the nation's largest African American-owned businesses.

Dr. Pinkett has received numerous awards for business and technology excellence including the Information Technology Senior Management Forum's Beacon Award, the National Society of Black Engineers' Entrepreneur of the Year Award, and the National Urban League's Business Excellence Award. He has been featured on nationally televised

programs such as *The Today Show*, *Fox Business News*, *MSNBC*, and *CNN*. In 2009, he was named to New Jersey Governor Jon Corzine's official shortlist as a potential running mate for Lieutenant Governor of New Jersey.

Dr. Pinkett 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* and co-author of *Black Faces in White Places: 10 Game-Changing Strategies to Achieve Success and Find Greatness*, which was named one of "The Best Books of 2010." He holds five degrees including: a B.S. in Electrical Engineering from Rutgers University; a M.S. in Computer Science from the University of Oxford in England; and a M.S. in Electrical Engineering, MBA, and Ph.D. from MIT. Most notably, he was the first and only African-American to receive the prestigious Rhodes Scholarship at Rutgers University; he was inducted to the Academic All-America Hall of Fame, as a former high jumper, long jumper, sprinter and captain of the men's track and field team; and he was the winner of NBC's hit reality television show, "The Apprentice."

Born in Philadelphia and raised in New Jersey, Dr. Pinkett is a proud member of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Incorporated and First Baptist Church in Somerset, NJ, where he resides with his family, including a daughter and two sons. Dr. Pinkett firmly believes that "for those 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.