

Shirley Raines

Speaker, Consultant, Author



“In a board room or before 18,000 at the FedEx Forum, Shirley connects and clearly communicates what leadership is – character, capability and catalyst for positive change.”
Thomas Kadien, VP International Paper

Her “Pink Purse” speech had the audience erupting in applause, Karen Weddle-West, Provost, University of Memphis
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Dr. Shirley Raines, President Emeritus of the University of Memphis, was the first female president and served for 12 years.

Shirley came from humble beginnings on a cotton farm in Tennessee. She was a preschool teacher who became a university president.

Described as “Personable, Powerful and Prepared” at her induction into the Tennessee Women’s Hall of Fame

Faculty member for five years at the Harvard Seminar for New Presidents and Chancellors

Board member for corporations, hospitals, non-profits and foundations

Goal-motivated and people-oriented, she leads others to develop their strengths, build productive partnerships and seize opportunities

Sought as a keynote speaker for her inspirational life story and motivational for the stories of challenges faced as a leader.

Speaks with authority, humor and dignity

Recent Speeches: Tennessee Labor Management Foundation, UK Leadership Forum, Dolly Parton’s Imagination Library Directors, Commencement Speeches, SECA, TAEYC, NAEYC, RSCC Foundation