

Carla Hill is the Director of Inclusion and Community Engagement for Ransom Everglades School in Coconut Grove. She holds a Bachelor of Arts in English Literature and Secondary Education from Florida State University. She taught for 10 years in the Miami-Dade County Public School System. This included 7 years at her high school alma mater, New World School of the Arts. During her time as a high school teacher, Carla earned a Fulbright Memorial Fund Scholarship to Japan for a month-long, intensive cultural exchange between educators from both nations. After earning her Masters of Science in Counseling from Barry University, she was able to serve the residents of South Miami-Dade and North Miami as a mental health therapist with Family Counseling Services of Greater Miami.

After receiving a kidney transplant in 2000 and experiencing two triple-negative breast cancers (2005 and 2007), Carla and her husband of 21 years, Marlon Hill, started the Carla Hill & Hazel Bethel Breast Cancer and Organ Donation Awareness Fund (also known as the Hill & Bethel Fund) held at the Miami Foundation. This special fund also celebrates her mother Hazel's triumphant survival of breast cancer and collects funds for research and awareness of breast cancer and organ donation. For over 15 years Carla's family and members of the Caribbean-American business community have raised nearly \$50,000 toward breast cancer screenings and health education through their participation as Team DLIMERS in the Susan G. Komen Race For the Cure/More Than Pink 5K walk.

In addition to women's health issues, Carla is a recognized arts education advocate. She's held the position of Director of National Programs for the YoungArts Foundation and Community Outreach and Education Manager for the South Miami-Dade Cultural Arts Center.

Carla is also a national television host with the country's Public Broadcasting Service, PBS. Carla currently serves on the Thomas Armour Youth Ballet Board and is a former member of the New World School of the Arts Foundation Board and Arthur and Polly Mays Conservatory of the Arts Advisory Board. Carla's other awards and recognitions include the "Women of Strength" campaign by Essence Magazine and Cover Girl cosmetics as well as the Miami-Dade County Black Affairs Council Women of Distinction award. Fun fact - Carla was a Miami Dolphins Cheerleader during their 1992 season!

When Carla's not working or serving the community, she's plotting her next Caribbean Carnival vacation with her husband Marlon!