

Bernadette Derr

Bernadette grew up in New York City, attended Hunter College High School, and came to Washington, DC to attend Howard University. After earning a degree in Business Administration, she worked in various capacities in the Federal Government for ten years. During this period, Bernadette joined with Claudette Franklin Ford when she started the Oracle Set Book Club. Bernadette subsequently moved to the San Francisco Bay Area and started a book club there. When one of the members of that club moved from the Bay area to Sacramento, CA, that member started another reading group in Sacramento. All three groups are active and thriving.

Bernadette returned to the DC area and served as a financial director at George Washington University Medical Center before moving on and retiring from the U.S. Treasury Department. Upon returning to the DC area, Bernadette rejoined the Oracle Set Book Club and became a member of the Oracle Set Foundation. She is a member of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., the Howard University Alumni Association, and various other groups. Her hobbies include bowling and dancing.