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## Senator Parker Honors Denise Wright-Scott for Women in Distinction

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Denise Wright-Scott was selected as a 2012 Woman of Distinction



## Denise Wright-Scott

## Award: HONORING WOMEN IN NEW YORK

**Year:** 2012



Denise Wright-Scott is a first-generation American. Born and raised in Brooklyn, her parents emigrated from Panama and Cuba in search of opportunities that were not available in their countries.

Encouraged from an early age to achieve academic success, Ms.Wright-Scott graduated with honors from high school and went on to earn a degree in business administration and later graduated from Pace University with an MBA in finance. While attending Pace, she was awarded a full scholarship to serve as a Washington Center Intern where she worked directly with a political appointee of the Clinton administration. This internship was a pivotal moment in her career development; it steered Ms. Wright-Scott on a path that had been a growing passion of hers – financial management of nonprofit organizations and government entities.

Determined as ever, Ms.Wright-Scott created Wright Accounting and Associates, a financial management firm that specialized in nonprofit entities. Her impressive client list included International Peace Academy, The New York Women's Foundation and Tristate Transportation Campaign in New York City. She has worked as a senior financial manager for the Hebrew Educational Society, Brooklyn Public Library, Educational Housing Services and is now employed as the corporate controller for the Trustees of the Masonic Hall and Asylum Fund in New York State.

Ms. Wright-Scott's dedication spans far beyond her career pursuits. She has been a diligent board member and president of Erasmus Neighborhood Federation since 2001. Under her leadership, the board and management team remained open despite budget cuts, during one of the most challenging economic times since its inception. Ms. Wright-Scott's tireless dedication to this organization has helped provide vital grass root services for Brooklyn residents in many vital areas.

Ms. Wright-Scott also volunteers her service in New York City public schools as the PTA treasurer at both Pace High School and Public School 208, and she supports the track and field parent committee at Medgar Evers College Preparatory School. In this capacity she has been very successful at securing grants and developing fundraising strategies.

A tireless advocate for the less fortunate, Ms. Wright-Scott has brought light and opportunity to all those who have had the pleasure of meeting her.
