

# Biography **ANGELA SMITH**

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Angela D. Smith is an adoring wife of 22 years to Toussaint Smith and loving mother of three young adults. She was born and raised on the south side of Chicago. She attended Simeon Vocational High School until her family relocated to Batavia, Illinois where she graduated from Batavia High School. Eventually, Angela had the opportunity to own and operate a daycare for several years before committing her to life to impacting young people through mentoring, educating and coaching. She has devoted five plus years of teaching and coaching for School District 129 on the west side of Aurora. Angela has also applied her teaching background as she assisted the children's ministry at the church that she now attends, Lighthouse Worship Center. In addition, she is the current head coach for the boys and girls track and field team at Illinois Mathematics and Science Academy, IMSA.

Angela obtained a Bachelor of Arts degree from Quincy University and is currently attending National Louis University in the process of receiving her Masters degree in Psychology. Her main goal is to continue to impact the lives of young adults on the collegiate level. Angela desires to utilize the gifts that God has given her in order to impart confidence, leadership, and a mind-set that one can accomplish anything that he/she puts his/her mind to.

If Angela could choose one phrase to apply to her life or the lives of the youth, it would simply say "Be Inspired, Be Brave, Be You." Life will always present us with challenges; therefore, it is important to never succumb to failures or the negativity exerted from others and always be fearless in any circumstance.

