

Marva Allen

Biography

Marva Allen was president and co-owner of USI, a multi-million dollar technology firm in Southfield, MI that was thrice nominated for the Ernst & Young Entrepreneurship Award. Allen is the recipient of numerous business awards, including The IBM & Kodak Excellence Award, MMBDC Diamond Award, Crain's Business 40 Under 40 Award, the Hurston/Wright Madam C. J. Walker Award, the Riverside Club Business Award, the Urban League Vanguard Award, and the 2008 New York Urban League Frederick Douglass Award. Ms. Allen was also nominated as one of the Top 100 Most Influential Women in Michigan.

In June of 2004, she joined Hue-Man as a majority partner and CEO of Hue-Man Bookstore. Allen holds a BSN from SGI in England, a B.S in Biology from the University of Michigan and an M.S in Health & Business Administration. She was a past member of the U of M CSP Board, Eastern Michigan Hospitality Board and the IBM Great Lakes Region Board. Allen is currently a member of the Board of Trustees for St. Hope Leadership Academy founded by NBA player Kevin Johnson and a LitWorld, an organization concerned with literacy around the world.

Since her tenure at Hue-Man, Allen has received the Hurston/Wright Madam C. J. Walker Award, the Riverside Club Business Award, and the Urban League Vanguard Award, among others. She was the recipient of the 2008 New York Urban League Frederick Douglass Award which recognized her as a distinguished community leader.

