

2007 Hall of Fame Inductee

Nicole Hutcherson Adewale

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Nicole Hutcherson Adewale, a 1986 graduate of University City High School, is a professional engineer, business leader and community volunteer.

Armed with \$1,000, her faith, two computers and an engineering computer, she and her husband, Abe, founded ABNA Engineering, Inc. in 1994.

Within 10 years, the company increased its employees from two to 56, averaged annual revenues of \$3 million and expanded their firm's reach to East St. Louis and Chicago, Illinois.

As a successful engineer, Adewale has worked to actively recruit more minorities and women into the profession. Being a member of several organizations such as

the Missouri Society of Professional Engineers, the American Planning Association and the Society of American Military Engineers and Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. is helping her achieve those goals. Through her work with a number of civic organizations such as the Annie Malone Children and Family Services Center, Girl Scouts and FIRST (For Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology). St. Louis Regional Robotics Competition, Adewale also encourages young girls to pursue engineering as a career. She credits her parents, Robert and Jane Hutcherson, for instilling her sense of community involvement.

Adewale earned her civil engineering degree from Georgia Tech University and formerly worked for the Illinois Department of Transportation. She is a former member of the Black Jack City Council and has won many awards for her professional and community work.

She and her husband are the parents of four daughters. Adewale actively supports the School District of University City as a parent volunteer at her daughters' schools and through their many activities.



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