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Corzine's official shortlist as a potential running mate for Lieutenant Governor.

A Rhodes Scholar, Dr. Pinkett holds five degrees including: a B.S. in Electrical Engineering from Rutgers University, where he competed as a high jumper, long jumper, and captain of the men's track and field team; a M.S. in Computer Science from the University of Oxford in England; and a M.S. in Electrical Engineering, MBA, and Ph.D. from MIT. Most notably, he's still the only African-American-winner of Donald Trump's reality-TV show, "The Apprentice."

Born in Philadelphia and raised in New Jersey, Dr. Pinkett is a proud member of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Incorporated and attends First Baptist Church in Somerset, NJ, where he resides. He is happily married to his wife, Zahara, and they



Dr. Randal Pinkett

are both proud parents of their daughter, Amira. Randal firmly believes that "for those to whom much is given, much is expected," so throughout his endeavors, he places great emphasis on his desire to give back to the community.

Dr. Pinkett is the author of *Campus CEO: The Student Entrepreneur's Guide to Launching a Multimillion-Dollar Business and No-Money Down CEO: How to Start Your Dream Business with Little or No Cash.* Here, he talks about his latest book, *Black Faces in White Places: 10 Game-Changing Strategies to Achieve Success and Find Greatness.*

**Kam Williams:** Hi Randal, thanks for another interview. How have you been?

Randal Pinkett: Great! Great. I appreciate this opportunity to reconnect.

**KW:** Same here. I really enjoyed "Black Faces in White Places." Why did you write the book?

**RP:** The book is a reflection both of my own experiences and of those of many other African-Americans, particularly folks who have progressed in their careers. Although I was born in Philadelphia, I was raised in East Windsor, NJ, a predominantly-white suburb where we were among a handful of black families. That trajectory has continued in my careers in college, grad school and as an entrepreneur in corporate America where I have found myself one of a few, if not the only, person of color. Anyone who

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