

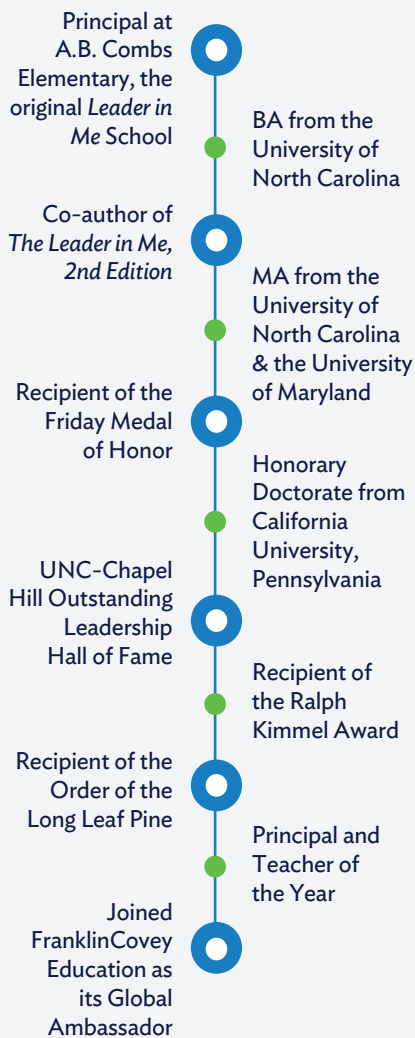


Muriel Thomas Summers

Award winning principal and teacher, bestselling co-author, and Global Ambassador for FranklinCovey's *Leader in Me*.



HIGHLIGHTS



For more than two decades, Muriel was at the helm of A.B. Combs Elementary. The highly diverse and award-winning school carries the honor of being the original *Leader in Me* school, with Muriel as co-author of the book by the same name. Currently, 5,000 K-12 schools in over 50 countries are replicating the transformative leadership model that Muriel and her staff initiated, and which inclusively sees all adults—and ALL students—as leaders.

Following her recent retirement from Wake County Public Schools in Raleigh, North Carolina, Muriel joined FranklinCovey Education as its Global Ambassador. She presents at international and local educational conferences on such topics as:

- Reinventing School Leadership from the Inside Out
- Inclusive Approaches to Transforming School Culture
- Leading with Heart / The Heart of School Leadership
- Finding Your Voice as a School Leader

Muriel is the proud mother of two children, and is enjoying her new role as grandmother.

RECOGNITIONS

Personal Honors

- Friday Medal of Honor, the highest honor a North Carolina educator can receive
- UNC-Chapel Hill Outstanding Leadership Hall of Fame
- Named one of North Carolina's Women to Watch
- The Ralph Kimmel Award, recognized for her contributions in mentoring and serving school administrators across the state of North Carolina.
- The Order of the Long Leaf Pine, awarded by the Governor of North Carolina as the highest honor a North Carolinian can receive
- Principal of the Year
- Teacher of the Year

In Print

- Co-author of *The Leader in Me, 2nd Edition*, with Dr. Stephen R. Covey

School Honors

- National Blue Ribbon School of Excellence
- Number One National Magnet School in America (only school recognized twice)
- National School of Character
- National Title 1 Distinguished School
- National Elementary School of the Year
- North Carolina Governor's Entrepreneurial Award
- FranklinCovey's Inaugural Legacy School

Degrees

- BA, University of North Carolina—Chapel Hill, Education
- MA, University of North Carolina—Charlotte, Early Childhood Education
- MA, University of Maryland, School Administration and Leadership Development
- Honorary Doctorate, California University, Pennsylvania, for contributions in leadership development and education