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Known to most Mississippians as “Dottie”, Quaye Chapman Reed possesses a range of experience in a number of industry sectors from corporate America to higher education to the non-profit arena. As the first black Admissions Counselor at the University of Mississippi, Quaye travelled across the state of Mississippi and into west Tennessee recruiting high school and junior college students. She worked with the Black Student Union and numerous students accompanied her to Career Days and school visits. It was through her work with the Black Student Union that an annual National Achievement Conference was formed to provide students an opportunity to visit the campus during Black History Week. The conference proved to be a most successful tool and continued to be held for many years. When Quaye left Ole Miss in 1977, the black student enrollment had tripled. She returned to the campus in 2009 to receive the inaugural **Dr. Jeanette Jennings Trailblazer Award**, given and named in honor of the first black Ole Miss faculty member.

Quaye left Ole Miss after getting an offer from the late, former Ole Miss Vice President, Dr. Arthur DeRosier, Jr., to join his staff at East Tennessee State University. She spent four years as Assistant Director of the Student Center at East Tennessee State. Afterwards she moved into the corporate arena with two Fortune 500 companies. As a sales and marketing representative for The Wall Street Journal, Dow Jones and Company, Inc. Quaye called on colleges and major retail accounts across the southeastern United States. In her last corporate position, she was the Associate Editorial Manager, Midwest Region, Construction Information Division of McGraw-Hill Financial, where she was an active participant with the National Association of Women in Construction and was featured in an issue of the NAWIC Image magazine.

Through her own business, Chapman Reed Associates, she works as a professional consultant, trainer, and corporate liaison, often assisting business owners, local organizations and corporations with strategic planning, business development and program assessments. Quaye holds an undergraduate degree from the University of Mississippi and conducted her graduate studies at East Tennessee State University. She is a certified NXLevel Entrepreneurial Trainer and holds a Construction Industry Technician certification from Clemson University.

More recently she published her first book entitled, *Outstanding Black Women of Yalobusha County – Their stories and contributions to a Mississippi Community*. The book grew out of her newspaper column under the same name in *The North Mississippi Herald in Water Valley, MS*, her hometown. The column led to an oral history collaboration with the Center for the Study of Southern Culture at Ole Miss. In September 2022 the “Dottie Quaye Chapman Reed Collection” opened in the J.D. Williams Library at the University of Mississippi. Quaye is actively involved in the United Methodist Church and other civic and community organizations. She resides in Atlanta, Georgia and is most proud of her three sons, two daughters-in-law, four grandsons and a granddaughter.