

Stacey Flowers

2016 EducationQuest Hall of Fame Recipient

Stacey Flowers is an EducationQuest scholarship recipient who has gone on to achieve not only great things – but happy things!

Stacey grew up in Omaha. She wrote in her scholarship application that, because of her mother's resourcefulness, she didn't realize until she was much older that her family of six often lived far below the poverty level.

Even though college was never discussed at home, it was something Stacey always wanted. Through hard work and guidance from her school counselor, Stacey was accepted to the University of Maryland Eastern Shore. Her goal was to study law and eventually go on to law school.

But then a life-changing event happened that caused Stacey to believe that her college dreams were over – she became pregnant.

Stacey went to her high school to make arrangements to drop out. Instead, her counselor and a network of others stepped in to propel her through high school and on to college.

With the help of her EducationQuest *Reaching Your Potential* scholarship, she enrolled at the College of St. Mary where they have a program that allows mothers to live on campus with their children.

Stacey graduated from College of Saint Mary in May 2007 with a bachelor's degree in paralegal studies - and from Loyola University in Chicago in May 2011 with a master's degree in human resources.

After completing her education, Stacey felt a desire to motivate people the way others had motivated her. She now has a successful career in which she travels the world inspiring people to live happy!

She is an international speaker, business strategist, and author known for connecting happiness to peak performance. She has also written three books, and regularly shares advice through her YouTube show and her podcast.

In addition to her speaking circuit, Stacey consults at Metro Community College in the Equity and Diversity Division where she coordinates postsecondary educational resources for underrepresented groups.

