

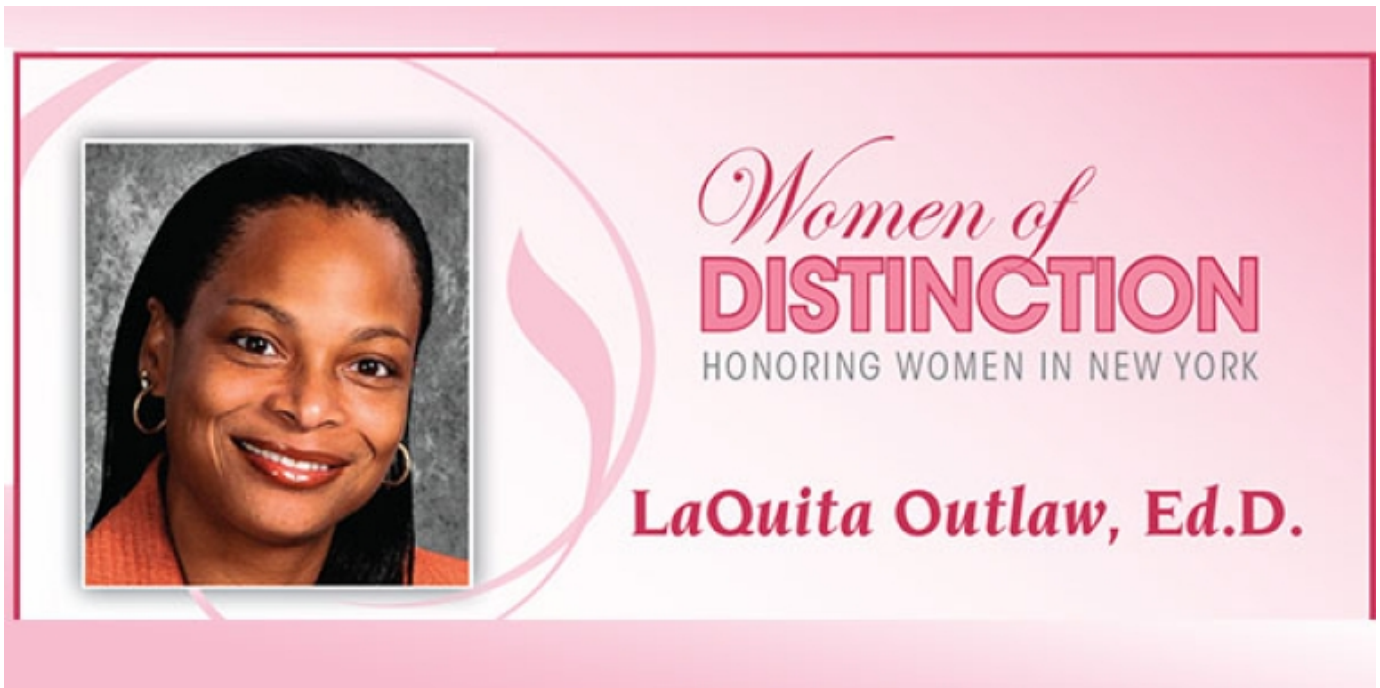


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**Award:** HONORING WOMEN IN NEW YORK

**Year:** 2015

LaQuita Outlaw, Ed.D. learned firsthand that life is what you make of it. Growing up in the socioeconomically challenged community of Far Rockaway fueled her determination to become a successful professional. As Dr. Outlaw's educational experiences continued, she resolved to never let those who have little receive less because of their unfortunate circumstances. It was at that point that she vowed to provide every child with the best education possible.

After graduating from Queens College, Dr. Outlaw began her teaching career in the New York City Chancellor's District, K263 in Brooklyn, before going to IS 8, in Jamaica, New York. As a middle school English teacher working in a district whose school was in danger of being taken over by the state, Dr. Outlaw was challenged to assist students in realizing their highest potential.

Dr. Outlaw began pursuing a graduate degree at Mercy College and accepted a position as a high school English teacher at Bay Shore High School. Upon completing her Master of Science in Administration and Supervision, she sought an administrative position within the Bay Shore District. There, she worked closely in the community and with the staff to enhance every child's educational experience. Earning a doctoral degree was a natural outgrowth of her desire to develop professionally; she received her doctorate from St. John's University in 2004.

Dr. Outlaw's work in the community and her commitment to see that every child receives the best education possible, has motivated her to develop after-school and community-based programs to enhance children's school experience. Through these partnerships, Dr. Outlaw has been recognized as Educator of the Year, was a recipient of the Black History Month Award, the St. John's University LEAD award and many others.