



Ms. Geraldine (Geri) Graham is a native of Pontiac, Michigan, educated in the Pontiac School District. As a first-generation college student, she earned her bachelor's degree with honors in Human Resources from Oakland University (Rochester, MI) where she was the second ever and first female recipient of OU's Human Relations Award. She went on to earn her MBA in Management Information Systems from Lawrence Technological University (Southfield, MI).

Ms. Graham has been Director of OU's Project Upward Bound (PUB) College Prep Academy since 1995 assuring that eligible students have access to and preparation for success in postsecondary education. She was the impetus for hosting PUB's 2018 Gospel Explosion featuring Vickie Winans at Pontiac's

Flagstar Strand Theatre as a free concert for Pontiac residents.

Ms. Graham is well-known in the higher education access community having been conferred the Louis Stokes Award by the regional Educational Opportunity Association and the Walter O. Mason award by the Washington, DC based Council for Opportunity in Education. Both recognize her as a distinguished educational opportunity professional who has generated individual and community change throughout her career, particularly in regards to advocacy on behalf of low-income, first-generation, and disabled populations.

Serving on the PAE Board is an opportunity for Ms. Graham to continue to give back to her home community. She is committed to objective decision-making that is in the best interest of the PAE student body given the resources. Her most enjoyable part of the role is celebrating student achievement and progress.