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Martha James earned her undergraduate degree from the University of Wisconsin-Madison in Kinesiology, her Master's in Inquiry Education from Hamline University in St. Paul, Minnesota, and her Doctorate in Critical Pedagogy from the University of St. Thomas in Minneapolis, Minnesota. She is a researcher, teacher, and leader with nearly 30 years of experience in urban education as a teacher, administrator, and professor. Dr. James is currently an Associate Professor in the School of Education and Urban Studies at Morgan State University in Baltimore, Maryland. Her research agenda focuses on cultural fluency, interdisciplinary teaching, behavior management, and best practices in professional development.

In addition to her teaching, Dr. James has been a leader in education. Currently, she serves on the Baltimore City Board of School Commissioners, she is the President of the Maryland Association of Boards of Education and is a member of the Board of Directors for the Council of the Great City Schools. In addition to this work, she has or is currently serving in committee and leadership roles with the AAHPERD, SHAPE America, Council of Urban Boards of Education, the Maryland Association of Health, Physical Education, Recreation, and Dance, and the NAKHE.

Martha has been honored as an Upper Midwest Human Rights Fellow, State Teacher of the Year, National Social Justice and Diversity Teacher of the Year, Joanna Davenport Outstanding Doctoral Research Awardee, a Faculty Diversity Fellow, Dr. Effie H Jones Humanitarian Awardee, NAKHE Outstanding Young Scholar, University of Wisconsin-Madison Baltimore Area Badger of the Year, and to the Daily Register's list of Top 100 Women in Maryland. She is a proud mother, and in 2008 she became an Ironman by completing the 140.6-mile course in 14 hours, 9 minutes, and 31 seconds.