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PHD to PhD: How Education Saved My Life

By Elaine Richardson, Ph.D.

Unapologetic autobiography of struggle and triumph inspiring millions of girls to achieve despite ANY obstacles.

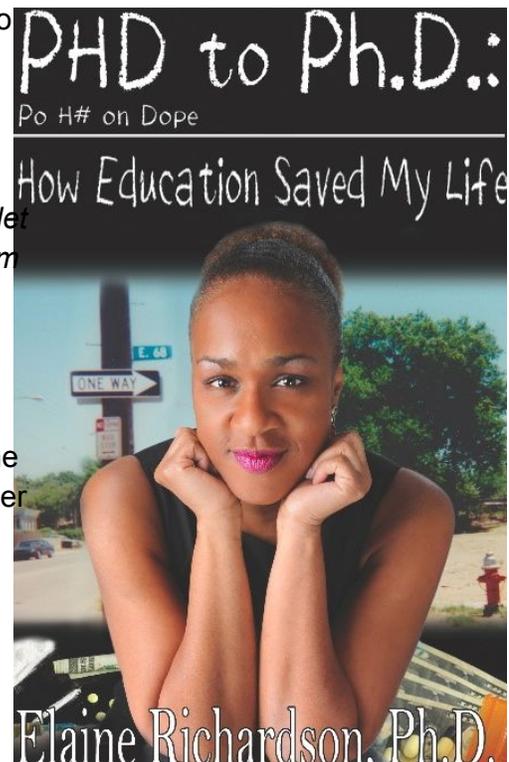
COLUMBUS, OHIO - April, 2013 - **PHD to PhD: How Education Saved My Life** (Parlor Press/New City Community Press, 2013) is a new gripping, no-holds-barred memoir, that details how education took Dr. Elaine Richardson from being a PHD, or Po Ho on Dope, to getting a real Ph.D.

Focusing on higher education and empowerment, Richardson utilizes her life journey to reach out to those ensnared in hopelessness, those who are where she was. *"I really do believe the only reason why God let me live is so I could tell my story,"* Richardson explains, *"I did things I'm not proud of, but I want somebody to feel like they can make it, too!"*

"Education saved my life," asserts Richardson as she recalls her struggle to return to school and get reacclimated from a warpath of self-destruction to a life of self-respect and academic achievement. The road was far from easy, but despite obstacles, Richardson propelled her efforts, graduating with undergraduate and graduate degrees from Cleveland State University and earning a doctorate in English from Michigan State University.

While women and youth are among the fastest growing audience for the book, Dr. Elaine Richardson's message will touch the hearts of all those reaching from darkest corners for a better life.

For more information about PHD to PhD: How Education Saved My Life, please visit www.phdtophd.com or contact Ebony Jeanette PR at 614.664.3491.



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