



PRISM AWARD

Lakecia N. Gunter

INTEL LABS

For brilliant versatility as an engineer and math teacher, and for lifelong commitment to the aspirations and empowerment of underserved youth.

Lakecia N. Gunter is the chief of staff and technical assistant to the managing director and corporate vice president of Intel Labs, Intel Corporation's industry-leading research organization. In this capacity, she is responsible for driving Intel's technology pipeline and assisting the director and his staff in establishing technology priorities for Intel Labs and the company as a whole.

Gunter joined Intel Labs in 2008 as technical program manager for the company's Café RIT Generation tools team in the Platform Validation Engineering organization, becoming manager of the team in 2009. In 2012, Gunter's team was awarded the Intel Software Quality Award — the company's highest software recognition — for developing and delivering a high-quality central processing unit functional validation tool for ensuring the overall quality of all microprocessor products produced by the corporation.

Her contributions in the engineering profession and in the community have earned national recognition and awards, including being named to *Diversity MBA Magazine's* 2014 Top 100 under 50 Diverse Executive Leaders, the Alumni on the Move Award from the National

Society of Black Engineers, as well as being named a Technology Rising Star by *Women of Color* and a Modern-Day Technology Leader by *U.S. Black Engineer* and *Information Technology Magazine*.

Growing up in a racially divided central Florida town, Gunter developed a strong social consciousness regarding inequality, while at the same time overcoming adversity with the support of family and teachers. She has made it a priority to do her part to level the playing field so others may succeed.

Throughout her career, beginning as a project engineer at Motorola in 1999, then as a cherished middle-school mathematics teacher, continuing through a four-year series of positions at Eglin Air Force Base, and now in her current role, Gunter has paired technical achievement and career excellence with service to her community, mentoring and developing countless programs to support at-risk youth. During her time with Eglin, Gunter was honored as Civilian of the Quarter, Engineering and Technical Management Civilian Engineer of the Year, and Outstanding Project Manager of the Year and earned the Blacks in Government Meritorious Service Award.

Recently, Gunter led Intel's Computer

Clubhouse Network activities, facilitated career workshops for middle and high school girls, and delivered community outreach programs, which bring more than 100 students to the Intel campus to gain exposure to engineering careers. She is founder and director of a nonprofit organization to empower youth in the areas of confidence, self-esteem, and leadership skills through exposure to science, technology, engineering, and mathematics careers and shares her expertise with other nonprofits, including the Urban League of Portland and the Gateway to College National Network.

Gunter earned her B.S. in computer engineering from the University of South Florida, her M.S. in electrical engineering from the Georgia Institute of Technology, and holds a project management professional certification. Her passion is use technology to enhance people's quality of life and to inspire the next generation of leaders and technology innovators.

The oldest of three girls and the oldest of 17 grandchildren, Gunter's biggest hero is her mother, Barbara. Gunter enjoys spending quality time with her family and traveling the world.