

Dr. Shirley Ann Jackson



Fun Facts

Born: August 5, 1946

From: Washington, DC

Occupation: Physicist

Quick Fact/Motivational Set: Shirley Ann Jackson is the 2nd African-American woman to earn a doctorate in physics in the U.S..

Best Known For:

- Research of semiconductors
- Study of hadrons
- She is the first African-American woman to have earned a doctorate at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.
- She is the second African-American woman in the U.S. to earn a doctorate in physics.
- Has earned several awards, including the National Medal of Science.

“We need to go back to the discovery, to posing a question, to having a hypothesis and having kids know that they can discover the answers and can peel away a layer.”

~Shirley Ann Jackson



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