

BRIGITTE F. NZALI'S BIO & ACHIEVEMENTS (CURRICULUM VITAE)

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**My Name is BRIGITTE F. K- NZALI: I AM UNITED STATES CITIZEN BY
NATURALIZATION.**

Born in Cameroon AFRICA

**AGE: I've just turned 60 Years old on December 17, 2019, Mother of 3 biological
Children and Many non Biological aand also Grandmother**

**My Life Partner: Elvis Kemayo : Humanitarian and Retired United Nation Ambassador for
Cameroon.**

**First Black African to perform @ Cannes International Film Festival
in the Eighties**

**Music Producer and First African to launch & host The very First
Talent TV Shows in West Africa (Cameroon, Gabon, Guinee Equatoriale, Ivory Coast)
with Tele Podium in 1984, Tam-tam Weekend and Jeunes Talents in
the Nineties.**

BACKGROUND

**I was born in Cameroon Africa where practise of Hair Braiding goes from Generation to
Generation.**

After obtaining My High School Diploma;

My Family moved me to Paris France for better Educations.

**After obtaining My Degree in COMPUTER SCIENCE with the Option in Business
Management;**

**(BTS en informatique appliquee a la Gestion des Entreprises) Equivalent of The
Bachelor Degree in Business/Computer Science**

**I decided to settle and lived in Paris France where My Family of 3 biological
Children were born.**

Few Years later:

**My Ambitions to be part of " THE AMERICAN DREAM " and have better Life for me
and My Family helped me**

to move here in UNITED STATES this Great Country and Land of Opportunities.

In 1999 I moved from Paris and settle here in NEW JERSEY with My Family for better Opportunities.

As soon as I became part of South Jersey Community; I came to realize that my local Community especially African-American, Blacks, Caucasians and other races have to travel all the way to Philadelphia, New York, or even Maryland & Virginia just to have their Hair braided, or put into Cultural Styles like Twists & Locs or Weaves.

So in order to make a Difference to help My very diverse and multicultural Community, who with their very busy schedule needed their hair braided. I decided to use My Business Knowledges, My Talents and my Passion for Hair Braiding (My Cultural Heritage) and all the Cultural Styles related; to Open a Salon specialized in this needed Field. And most of all, focus This Type of Business in My State of Residency.

In December 31, 2001 AFRICAN AMERICAN BRAIDINGS, INC was born with The help of My Landlord ANTHONY BENTIGEVGA who happens to own a beauty Salon in the same Building named; " TODAY'S HAIR SALON & SPA " and also with the legal help of My Business Counselor at Law MAURY K. CULTLER in Blackwood NJ

For almost 19 years: I'm The Owner and President of AFRICAN & AMERICAN BRAIDINGS, INC. located in Blackwood (Gloucester Township) in South Jersey.

For almost 19 years I've been in this Business: I've worked tirelessly to help numerous Stylists from different Beauty Schools to improve their Skills in Hair Braiding and Cultural ethnic Styles.
After Hiring them and I gave to the vast Majority of them their very first job Opportunity working in the License Salon; and performing Cultural Styles, with more cares,
professionalism and more importantly better Sanitations and Braiding Techniques.

CHRONOLOGICALLY HERE ARE SOME OF MY ACHIEVEMENTS AND MY WORKS IN OUR STATE

1 - Starting 2002, I had to travel to different beauty Schools to do demo in Braidings, help the students, Teachers and Campus Directors

to organize jobfair and hire the students to come and perform in my salon and improve their Skills in Braids.

2 - In 2004 because of my hard work and Devotion to help those students to improve their skills in Braiding and cultural Styles,

I was invited in numeros occasions to become ADVISORY BOARD MEMBER OF EMPIRE BEAUTY SCHOOL EDUCATION GROUP for new jersey and Philadelphia and also sponsor in numerous Occasions The Students from EMPIRE BEAUTY SCHOOL previously located in Laurel Spring NJ

3 - In 2008 I received from African-American Community An OUTSTANDING ENTREPENORSHIP AWARD for HAIR BRAIDINGS in the State of New Jersey.

4 - On September 2010: As One of the best and well Recognized Minority Business in the State,

I was invited by The former DIRECTOR OF AFRICAN-AMERICAN AFFAIRS & AIDE TO GOVERNOR, Mr Brandon Brice

to have Breakfast for Minority Businesses in the State of New Jersey with The Former Governorf Chris. Christie.

5 - On February 2011 and on June 2012 I was honored by 2 Proclamations from The State of New Jersey under former Governor Christie

Juneteenth Independance Day Proclamation and Black History Month Proclamation for African-Americans like Myself who contribute for making our State

a better Place to live, Work and Raise Our Family. (See attache Copy of My Proclamations)

5 - In 2011 I was awarded by Gloucester Township in Recognition of WOMEN WHO MAKE A DIFFERENCE in The Community

For Outstanding Community Service for Minority Business Thru HAIR BRAIDING: presented by The Mayor, The senator Fred Madden, and The Councils.

(Attached Copy of The Gloucester Township Award)

6 - In December 2012 I was One of The 2012 Honoree for Circle of Awards Winners along with The Former Assembly man Angel fuentes,

Cory Pritchett, Actor in Sparkle and Co-Star Witney Houston by the The Rd Chris. Collins : Editor in Chief of The Anointed New Journal

which is The Nation Premier Faith-based and Professional Publication for Winners. (See Attached december 2012 publication of the

**Anointed New Journal with My Photo on the Cover as One of the Honoree).
and A Letter in Support of My Nomination By The Rev Editor in Chief Chris.
Collins**

The Award Ceremony was hosted by the former NFL Champion Andre Collins

**7 - In November 2016 I was nominated for THE FIRST EAST COAST EDITION OF
AFRICAN AWARDS OF WASHINGTON DC; CATEGORY; " HAIR BRAIDING"**

**And despite of My Other Opponents and Competitors from different other
States: I became The Very FIRST RECIPIENT OF THE VERY FIRST EDITION**

**of African Award of Washington DC under "BEST HAIR BRAIDING SALON
CATEGORY ".**

**8 - In 2018 I was featured with My Salon in " PHILADELPHIA ENQUIRER " after the
Great Success of the Hair Braiding Bill that unanimsously with**

**the bipartisanship support passed both the Assembly House Committee and
The Senate Committee.**

**9 - In October 2019 just recently, I was recognized and featured inside " ESSENCE
MAGAZINE " along with The Assembly Woman Angela D. MCKnight and Shanique
D. Speight**

**for My testimony before the Law Makers in Trenton and My long Time
advocating for Better Licensing Reform in HAIR BRAIDINGS & CULTURAL STYLES in
Our Great State.**

**10 - In November 2019 Nominated By New Jersey Governor Phil D MURPHY to
serve as The First African-American Member of The State Board of Cosmetology &
Hairstyling.**

**11 - In March 2020 Renominated by New Jersey Governor Phil D MURPHY to serve
as The First African-American Member of The State Board of Cosmetology &
Hairstyling.**

**Still awaiting for My Nomination to be confirmed by The Senate Judiciary
Committee.**

12 - 2019 to Present Member of AFRICAN AMERICAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE OF NEW JERSEY "AACCNJ" Great Organization that I am personally very proud of.

***- Numerous Donations over the Years to help the LAW ENFORCEMENTS, THE POLICE OFFICERS (FOP 218), FIRE FIGHTERS etc...**

***- Many years I have been invited to become ONE OF THE ADVISORY BOARD MEMBER OF EMPIRE BEAUTY SCHOOL EDUCATION GROUP for New Jersey and Philadelphia**

***- For Many years I have been along with My Salon One of the Main Sponsor of HIGHLAND HIGH SCHOOL REGIONAL TARTAN FOOTBALL TEAM in Blackwood New Jersey.**

***- Participe in different Fundraisers to help children who got their parents killed thru Gun Violences in the Streets of Camden;**

by donating thru Organization Like "SAVING GRACE MINISTRIES" or the less fortunate ones

thru "IMPACTING VILLAGES IN AFRICA MINISTRIES", founded by My Sister ESTHER TURNER from Willingboro New Jersey.

***- Donations over the years to Cameroon Cultural Association of Southern NJ Organization that I've founded in 2010 as The Queen Mother of The BAMILEKE TRIBE IN CAMEROON with My Brother who is**

actually The Chairman and former President.

MY GREATEST ACHIEVEMENTS OF ALL

A- My beautiful and very Hardworking Graduated biological Children of 3 and non biological Children of many.

B- I have also over the Years mentored Numerous Students from different Beauty Schools who after graduated will

come to My Salon for job Opportunity and also seek My expertise in HAIR BRAIDING & CULTURAL ETHNIC STYLES FIELD

1- LANGUAGES:

I am perfectly bilingual in FRENCH and ENGLISH, I leant Little bit of Spanish in High School

I also speak 2 of My native Cameroonian dialects and Creole

2 - HOBBIES:

Escape and Relaxing at JERSEY SHORE, SOUTH BEACH MIAMI, or SOUTH OF FRANCE; my favorite Spot;

after a busy week with the Business get in the Pool, Spa or the Ocean

and enjoy a great Cuisine with a Nice French or Californian Wine; (My Daughter beeing " A Chef ")

I love to travel and discover other CULTURES.

3- SPORTS: I enjoy playing TENNIS & GOLF, SWIMMING & ZUMBA DANCE