

JAN CARPENTER TUCKER

BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION

Since 1983, Jan Carpenter Tucker has owned and operated J.L. Carpenter Design, a certified woman and minority business enterprise (WMBE). This graphic and environmental design studio has served clients in healthcare, nonprofit and community-based organizations, high technology, business-to-business and retail. The studio's emphasis is on branding and marketing communications with a special focus on print and web media. She has designed, edited and published several books for various authors through her company, Night Star Publishing.

Jan Carpenter was listed in the 1985 "Outstanding Young Women of America" and has received awards of excellence and honor for her design work, the most recent being the 2001 Edward L. Bernays Award of Excellence in the Public Service Programs category from the Public Relations Society of America (PRSA), San Diego Chapter.

Carpenter Tucker has taught classes and seminars on marketing, design and art at various schools, businesses and community organizations. She is an avid spokesperson on racial/ethnic diversity, presenting in schools, churches and the media. She is an enthusiastic, thorough organizer and has worked with numerous teams to create memorable and educational events. Her recent accomplishments include assisting in successful marketing and fund-raising efforts for the 4th District Seniors Resource Center at the George L. Stevens Senior Center.

Carpenter Tucker is currently a member of the American Institute of Graphic Arts (AIGA). She has served on several boards of directors and advisory boards, including Waters of Jordan Enrichment Center, Gifted and Talented Education (GATE) through the San Diego Unified School District, the Black Infant Health Program of San Diego County, Community Film Workshop of Chicago, International Association of Business Communicators, Art & Soul (Teen Education and Outreach) and the Urban League of San Diego County Equal Opportunity Day Dinner. She co-founded and held various offices in IMAGE (a San Diego-based interracial family group), and co-founded its national group, the Association of Multi-Ethnic Americans (AMEA). She has served in numerous leadership capacities for her church and condominium association.

A National Honor Society member in high school, she attended United States International University in San Diego and Columbia College in Chicago before receiving her Bachelor of Arts degree (cum laude) in Graphic Design and her Master of Arts degree in Environmental Design from San Diego State University. She is also professionally trained in e-publishing, filmmaking, theater, modern dance and ballet, and has completed courses in leadership, supervision, business entrepreneurship and conflict management.

She is the wife of a music educator and mother of a teenage daughter.