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Currently a Lecturer in the Department of Business and Management at the University of Guyana and Director at Isika Shorebase, Eric Phillips has served internationally as Chairman of the Board, CEO, MD, VP, COO, Program Director and Engineer in seven countries. A recipient of the *Golden Arrow of Achievement for Youth Development, Entrepreneurship and Community Development*, Eric is also the Chairperson of the *Guyana Reparations Committee* and Vice Chair of the *Caricom Reparations Commission*. He is the Chairman of *The esseQuibo Group*, a consulting firm which advises *Guyana Goldfields Inc.*, a listed company on the Toronto Stock Exchange.

Highlights

Honors

- White House Fellow
1990-1991

Education

- Chemical Engineering
McMaster University
- Marketing and International Business
New York University

Experience

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Department of Business and Management
University of Guyana
- Chairperson
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- Product Manager
AT&T Bell Laboratories

Awards

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Eric Phillips has a degree in Chemical Engineering from McMaster University in Ontario, Canada, and an MBA in Marketing and International Business from New York University. He was selected as one of 14 fast-tracked MBA/engineers/leaders to spend fourteen months at Stevens Institute of Technology and AT&T Bell Laboratories in the *Communications Training Program (CTP)* for Telecommunications Engineering.

Eric has been the Managing Director of AT&T Africa & The Middle East, Vice President of AT&T Network Systems, the Managing Director for AT&T Central Europe (Ukraine), and the Deputy Director for AT&T Globalization in Europe. He was also a Director of ASC Inc. in London, United Kingdom. Eric spent seven years in South Africa where he was a Director for Africa Union Holdings, a Director for Combination Therapy Medical Solutions, and the COO for Safika Holdings Pty. As Project Manager at AT&T Bell Laboratories, he lead the \$15B *FTS2000* integrated telecommunications project.

Eric has won many awards including: the *AT&T Senior VP Award* (1993); the *Bell Labs Outstanding Service Award* (1990); and the *Scientific Achievement Award* for Apollo Technologies in 1982. He has been featured on the cover of *Business Week International* and *Black Engineering* magazines. He was nominated for the *United States Black Engineer of the Year* award for his work on *FTS2000*. He was the Head Prefect of Queens College and the only person to win both the Junior School and Senior School Prize, twice.

Eric Phillips is a 1990-91 White House Fellow, the only ever Caribbean-educated Fellow in the programs history, and was named Chief-of-Staff for the USAID Delegation for the 1991 Presidential trip to Africa on AIDS and Child Survival.

Eric Phillips is an author and poet, and was the producer of 26 HIV & AIDS half-hour inspirational A-Z alphabet tapes. He is very active in the arts, having been the Executive Director of the *Caribbean Theatre of Performing Arts* (New York City) for the play *"Sea Rock Children"*. He founded *NZINGHA Dance Group*, *Dance Alive* (HIV/AIDS), *CommonGroundGuyana* (Civil Rights), and helped start the *Majek Fingers Drumming* group. He has founded and assisted in founding several other youth and community groups. He is an Executive Director of the *African Cultural & Development Association* and a Director of *COLLACO*, a school for children aged 2 to 10.

Politically, Eric was the Co-Founder of the *REFORM Group* in Guyana and the co-Author of the *Guyana 21 Plan*, a blueprint for Guyana's National Development. Eric is the only Guyanese athlete to have represented Guyana international in cricket, soccer, and table. He is a 3rd degree Black Belt and has placed in over 200 competitions across athletics, cricket, soccer, table tennis, and karate.

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- Director
Combination Therapy Medical Solutions
- Chief Operations Officer
Safika Holdings
- Co-Author
Guyana 21 Plan