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Cell Center is involved in research, clinical care and related services, genetic counseling and also provides education and screening for the community.

Asked if balancing these two very important responsibilities was posing any problems, Dr. Smith responded, "I knew when I accepted the position that it would require time and effort and that there was a risk it could have had an effect on the hours that I give to the Sickle Cell Center. But, it's beginning to balance out."

Dr. Smith is the daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Leslie Allen. Her father and her mother served as role models, advisors, and constructive critics, in her choosing to become a physician. She is a widow and has two adult sons.

She entered Sarah Lawrence College in 1949. Upon completion of her B.A. degree she studied medicine at The New York University School of Medicine where she earned her M.D. degree in 1957. Her internship and residency training followed at Bellevue Hospital and the Bronx V.A. Hospital. Recently Dr. Smith earned a Master's degree in Public Health from Columbia University.

Over the years she has worked as a day care physician, research associate at Bronx V.A. Hospital, deputy director and director of the Comprehensive Sickle Cell Center at Harlem Hospital Center. She also holds a faculty position as associate clinical professor of Medicine at Columbia University's College of Physicians and Surgeon.

[[image - Mrs. Jeri Warrick-Crisman]]

Upward Mobility...State Treasurer Michael M. Horn recently announced the appointment of Jeri Warrick-Crisman to the position of Assistant State Treasurer for Minority Affairs.

"Fairness is the very foundation of government and the cornerstone of this administration," Horn said.

"In this new position in Treasury, Mrs. Crisman will review, enforce and strengthen minority purchasing policy and minority purchasing policy and minority hiring at the construction site. Furthermore, she will review and oversee Treasury's minority training and recruiting program," Horn said. "In addition, we want to see to it that members of minorities are better represented in professional positions within this department."

"Mrs. Crisman's job will be to match our resolve with stronger policies that will encourage the participation of members of minorities in state government."

Mrs. Crisman has been President and General Manager of WNJR Radio (1430 AM) since April 1981, and was responsible for the daily operations of the station. Previously, she was corporate director of the National Broadcasting Company's Affairs, and as such administered the network's corporate contributions budget and was liaison with nonprofit organizations throughout the county. She joined NBC in 1964 as Broadcasting Standards Supervisor for WMAO-TV the network-owned station in Chicago.



In 1972, she was transferred to WNBC-TV New York where she was senior policy editor. After a year she was appointed Manager of Community Affairs for WNBC radio.

Peabody Award Winner

In 1974, Mrs. Crisman received the Peabody Award FOR WNBC radio's public affairs project, "Pledge-a-Job."

She is the immediate past National President of American Women in Radio and Television and serves as a member of Governor Kean's Advisory Council on Minority Business Development. Mrs. Crisman lives in Woodridge with her husband, Bruce, a real estate developer. She has two children, Alan E., a judge in San Antonio, Texas and Ingrid-Joy, a Chicago businesswoman.

[[image - Flaxie Pinkett]]

Flaxie Pinkett, prominent Washington-area realtor and businesswoman, will be the main speaker at the Howard University annual Opening Convocation marking the beginning of its 117th year. The convocation will be at 11 a.m. in Cramton Auditorium on Sept. 28.

Immediately following the convocation, the university's new \$13-million, five-story facility for its School of Business and Public Administration will be dedicated. The business school building is located directly across the street from Cramton.

H. Naylor Fitzhugh, project consultant and retired vice president with PepsiCo, Inc., and a former professor of marketing at Howard, will speak at the dedication and officially present the building to the university.

Flaxie Madison Pinkett graduated from Howard University with a bachelor of arts degree in 1936 and began full-time employment with her father's real estate and insurance agency, John R. Pinkett, Inc., in June of that year. She was elected secretary of the company in 1942 and has served as president and chairman of the board since November 1958.

In her 48 years as a Washington-area businesswoman, Pinkett has amassed a long list of credits for her work in community service, as well as for her service as an officer with a number of professional organizations and corporations.

She is a director of Columbia First Federal Savings and Loan Association, First American Bank, Potomac Electric Power Co., the Greater Washington Board of Trade, and the Washington Board of Realtors. She is also a member of the board of governors of the United Way of America, and trustee of George Washington University.

Some of her other activities include being a director of the Ellington Fund from 1982 to 1984, chairman of the Howard University 1979 Charter Day Dinner Committee, a trustee of the D.C. Board of Higher Education, 1969-75, and a member of that board from 1973 to 1975,

and a member of the University of the District of Columbia Nominating Committee from 1975 to 1983.

Other positions of community service include director of Providence Hospital in 1983, chairman of the Community Advisory Committee of the Howard University Cancer Research Center from 1980 to 1982, and a civilian aide for the District of Columbia to the Secretary of the Army from 1978 to 1980.

She has also served on the board of directors of United Planning Organization, Family and Child Services, Camp Fire Girls, and Washington Urban League, and was a founder and director of Baker's Dozen Youth from 1944 to 1964.

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