

**Audwin Helton** was born and raised in Charlotte, NC. After attending public schools, he attended North Carolina Central University and in 1981 received a BS degree in Geography, with a minor in Cartography. Mr. Helton later obtained a Master's Degree in Human Resources from the College of Notre Dame of Maryland. He is also a 1987 graduate of the Armed Forces Staff College.

Mr. Helton began his career with the Defense Mapping Agency as a Cartographer. In his twelve years with the Agency, now known as the National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency, Mr. Helton rose to become the Director of the Agency's Louisville Field Office. Seizing upon a unique opportunity, he left the Agency to pursue his dream of building his own company.

In 1994, Mr. Helton became the owner and president of Spatial Data Integrations, Inc., a Geospatial Mapping firm. The company, which has been in operations for 29 years, also produces software applications and holds patented software toolsets.

Mr. Helton serves on the following business and community boards: U.S. Bank Advisory Board, Rita June Foundation, North Carolina Central University's College of Arts and Science Advisory Board, University of Louisville's President's Council, 15,000 Degrees Education Attainment (Co-Chair), Evolve502 (Chair), Jefferson County Public Education Foundation and the Theta Omega Inc. Foundation. Mr. Helton is a member of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. and is a Co-Founder of Men of Quality. He is also a member of the Sigma Pi Phi Fraternity.

In 2012, Mr. Helton and Mrs. Helton donated to the University of Louisville which resulted in the creation of the “Audwin and Rae Helton Geographic Information Systems Laboratory”.

Additionally, they recently created “The Audwin and Rae Helton Charitable Trust Endowment” at their Alma Mater, North Carolina Central University.

Mr. Helton received the 2017 WLKY Bell Award, which recognizes individuals who dedicate their time and energy to better our city. Mr. Helton is the recipient of the 2022 Zeta Phi Beta Image Award.

Mr. Helton is heavily involved in Louisville’s public education sector and the post-secondary sector. He is also involved in Louisville’s golfing community, as a player and also as the coordinator of a major charitable event.

Mr. Helton and Mrs. Helton are the proud parents of two sons, Collin (Deonna) and Carson; and two granddaughters.