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## Ersula Knox-Odom

*Actress, Storyteller, Motivational Speaker*

Ersula K. Odom is CEO of Sula Too LLC, a legacy writer, the author and co-author of several books including *African Americans of Tampa* and her poetic memoir – *At Sula's Feet*. She is a motivational speaker, creates legacy walls, and portrays Mary McLeod Bethune as a one-person show. As founder of Sula Too, LLC she has published books for clients from Georgia to California. She was raised in Georgia, graduated from Eckerd College and is deeply rooted in Tampa with business, family, and friends.

Recent commendations: Signed copy of Congressional Record of Dr. Bethune's decision to place her statue in Statuary Hall in DC presented to her by U.S. Senator Bill Nelson. Performance written about in the Wall Street Journal. She received separate commendations from Tampa City Council Commendation for her roles as co-founder of Fortune Friends and as member of the Citizens Advisory Committee on the Economic Impact of Cultural Arts.

As a motivational speaker, Ms. Odom has the uncommon ability to relate to multi-generational and multi-cultural audiences by sharing experiences from such areas as rural living, college life, Fortune 500 corporate management, spirituality, being a mother, entrepreneurship, sales, and genealogy to publishing books.

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### Program Format:

- In-person
- Virtual

## Programs Available

### Dr. Mary McLeod Bethune Comes to Life

Dr. Mary McLeod Bethune (1875–1955) was the founder of Bethune-Cookman University. She served as a New Deal government official—in one of the 20 highest-level offices held by women in the administration, and the highest held by an African American woman; was founder of FDR's "black cabinet;" served as president of the National Association of Colored Women; and founded and served as president of the National Council of Negro Women. After telling the story of Dr. Bethune, Ersula will come out of character and answer questions regarding her research and personal journey.

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