## Who is Kamala Devi Harris?

**Born**: October 20, 1964 in Okland, California **Education:** B.A. Howard, Howard University; J.D., University of California Hastings College of Law.

Featured Figure: In recognition of Black History Month, Cypress Bay High School celebrates 28 days of Black Excellence. Each day during February, Cypress Bay High School students will feature an African American trailblazer who made significant contributions to the United States and the world. Today, this first day of February, 2021, we recognize and honor the first person of color to serve as Vice President of the United States.

Career Summary: A former prosecutor and groundbreaking attorney general in California, Harris broke barriers throughout her career. In her presidential campaign last year, Kamala Harris pitched herself as a history-making candidate who could appeal to both progressives and moderates. Rather than upend the economy, her policies seek incremental, targeted results, particularly focusing on historically marginalized groups like women, people of color, and low-income Americans. Her sharp debate skills and pleasant personality made her a top-tier contender in the early stages of the primary race. Kamala has spent her entire career fighting for the voiceless and vulnerable in our society and against those who prey on them; she'll continue those fights as Vice President. She will stand up for a woman's right to choose and equal pay for equal work, lead the charge against LGBT discrimination, work to pass comprehensive immigration reform, expand access to voting, and focus on criminal justice reform. On January 20, 2021, Kamala Harris made history as the first woman of color to serve as Vice President of the United States.



*Kamala Harris* -First Black Vice President of the United States.