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Monica Pearson is the first woman and the first minority to anchor the daily evening news in Atlanta Georgia, where she worked for 37 years at the leading station, WSB-TV. She has won 33 Southern Regional and local Emmy Awards for reporting, anchoring and her **Closeups** celebrity interview shows.

When she retired in 2012, she was honored on the floor of the U.S. House of Representatives by the bipartisan delegation of the State of Georgia for her years of service on and off the air to improve the lives of the citizens of Georgia.

Monica now writes, produces and hosts an hour-long personality interview show, Monica Pearson One on One on Peachtree TV. She also is a contributor to the AJC, the Atlanta Journal Constitution newspaper, hosting a personality interview show, streaming on AJC.com. The Monica Pearson Show also is a podcast on Apple Podcasts, Spotify, iHeart Radio and Amazon music.

Monica calls retirement, “re-wirement” and now is a voice over artist, public speaker, emcee, and spokesperson.

She is a native of Louisville, KY with a BA from the University of Louisville and a MA from the University of Georgia, where she graduated Magna Cum Laude at the age of 67. She also has honorary doctorate degrees from Atlanta University, now Clark Atlanta University, Oglethorpe University, American Bible University and Young Harris College.

Monica has been a member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated since 1966. She is a member of the Kappa Omega Chapter and is President of the Ivy Community Foundation, the 501(c)(3) arm of the chapter.

She is married to John E. Pearson Sr and has a daughter and bonus son.