Summary Outline of Oprah Winfrey's Accomplishments:

Early Life Accomplishments:

In 1972, Oprah Winfrey won the Miss Black Tennessee beauty pageant. Then started working with a local black radio station, in Mississippi, WVOL as a news presenter. Which helped her to start her career in the TV social fields. In 1973 Oprah graduated from Tennessee State University with a degree in Speech and Performing Arts and became the first black TV news anchor reporter with WTVF-TV. Which was the first step in the making of the Oprah Winfrey millions of people know today.
Oprah Winfrey Show Accomplishments:

In 1983, Oprah moved to Chicago to host WLS-TV’s low-rated half-hour morning talk show, AM Chicago and within months after Oprah took over. The show went on to become the highest rated talk show in Chicago and was renamed as "The Oprah Winfrey Show". The Oprah Winfrey show is how Oprah became a household name and a soon to be billionaire. In 1987, Oprah won her first Emmy award for best talk/service show host and best show. Oprah received the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People’s Entertainer of the year award in 1989. Oprah testified before the US congress and initiated the National Child Protection Act in 1991. These awards and accomplishments only added to the fame and success of Oprah’s growing empire.

Emmy and Other Award Accomplishments:

In 1995 Oprah not only won an Emmy for Best Talk Show and Best Host for the second year in a row but also kick started Oprah Online on AOL (American Online). In partnership with ABC. Oprah became the first woman and the only black on Forbes list of 400 richest Americans in the same year. In the year 1996, Oprah received the prestigious George Foster Peabody’s Individual Achievement Award.

Book Accomplishments:


More Oprah Winfrey Show Accomplishments:

In the year 1998 Oprah received a Lifetime Achievement Award from the Daytime Emmy Awards and an award for top talk show host. In 2002, Oprah received the Bob Hope Humanitarian Award at the 2002 Emmy Awards for her services to television and film.

Influential Person Accomplishments:

In the year 2005 Oprah was named by Time magazine as one of the 100 most influential people of the year. She also ranked in 9th place in public poll of the greatest Americans. Oprah Winfrey was also the first black person listed by Business Week as one of America’s top 50 most generous philanthropists.
Oprah’s Leadership Academy Accomplishments:
Oprah has invested $40 million and much of her time creating the Oprah Winfrey Leadership Academy for Girls near Johannesburg in South Africa, which started in January 2007. Her efforts were acknowledged by Nelson Mandela who congratulated her for overcoming her own disadvantaged youth; and to become a benefactor for others and for investing in the future of South Africa.

Forbes Accomplishments:
She is the first black American woman billionaire her net worth is $2.4B recorded in Forbes 2010 and reportedly makes about half a million dollars a day from her TV show alone.

Business Accomplishments:
She owns or co-owns the Oxygen Network, O Magazine, her own Harpo Studio, Harpo Productions, Harpo Films, Harpo Print, Harpo Video, and the Oprah Winfrey Network. Harpo, is Oprah spelled backwards.

Information Sources: