

## DR. ALONIA PARKS



Dr. Alonia Parks (formerly Alonia Jernigan Jones) is an inspirational speaker, accomplished journalist, public relations professional, spiritual leader, and certified life coach. She is highly endowed with the gift of communication. Positively impacting lives since 1985, she is CEO of Dream to Destiny Enterprises, a corporate communications and human development company committed to “clarifying, chronicling and celebrating YOUR success.” As servant leader/pastor of Dream to Destiny Ministries, Inc., a Christ-centered, nondenominational church based in Atlanta, Georgia, she helps people live victorious lives through God’s Word. Her career has encompassed experiences in nonprofit, academic, faith-based, corporate and governmental arenas, and she lives her life based on the foundational principles of service to God, service to man, accountability, integrity, and excellence.

An Atlanta native, Dr. Alonia graduated Salutatorian and homecoming queen from William A. Bass High School. She earned her Bachelor’s degree in English from Spelman College and studied Biblical Studies and Theology at Luther Rice Seminary. She received a doctor of humane letters degree from Global International Alliance in 2022 in recognition of 30-plus years of humanitarianism and philanthropy.

Among her many honors and awards are the Woman of Excellence Award (*Atlanta Tribune/Atlanta Daily World*), Woman of Influence Award (*ACHI Magazine*), Spelman College’s Alumnae Achievement Award (Media/Communications), Hidden Figure of DeKalb County, letter of commendation from the White House, Live Believe Dream’s But-I-Fly Award, and she was recognized by *Voices of Champions (VOC) Magazine* as one of 10 Powerful Women CEOs. She is the ghost writer of *God Has a Plan for the Underdog* (autobiography of Shelley “Butch” Anthony, owner of This Is It! Southern Kitchen & Bar-B-Q), served as lead features writer for *Who’s Who in Black Atlanta*® for many years, features writer for *Who’s Who in Black Alabama*® and *Who’s Who in Black Birmingham*®, was named one of the Atlanta Business League’s top three storytellers, and was nominated as Most Outstanding Journalist by the Electronic Urban Report, an honor she shared with former *ESSENCE* editor-in-chief, Susan Taylor, and romance novelist, Zane. She is also a recipient of Atlanta’s first Mayor’s Scholar Awards, an award bestowed to scholars from four of Atlanta’s then-21 high schools for excellence in essay writing.

Dr. Alonia is the former owner of two magazines: *IMANI* (1997-2004) and *South Fulton Lifestyle* (2016-2017). She is the mastermind behind the BFLY<sup>SM</sup> brand of inspiration, the Wise Women Prosper<sup>SM</sup> movement, and The Dream Institute. She is a doting mother to James Jernigan, Jr., Kori Jernigan Williamson (Donnell), and Emmanuel Alonzo Jernigan; loving grandmother to JaBari and Jaylan; supportive daughter to Velma Parks; and second mother to her niece, Laquita Jarrett (Randy) and nephew, Ralph Harrison, III (Gwen). With music as her first love, this lively personality enjoys singing and dancing. She also loves staying fashionable, healthy, and fit. A travel enthusiast, Dr. Alonia looks forward to broadening her horizons through international travel. Stay connected to Dr. Alonia online at [www.dralonia.com](http://www.dralonia.com).