



Dr. Alonia Parks

SPEAKER • JOURNALIST/PR PROFESSIONAL • SPIRITUAL LEADER

Dr. Alonia Parks (formerly known as Alonia Jernigan Jones) is an inspirational speaker, accomplished journalist and public relations professional, and spiritual leader who has been positively impacting lives for more than 30 years. With a life mantra of, “Born to inspire...equipped to empower,” the certified life coach is renowned for helping individuals and organizations realize their dreams and accomplish their goals through the utilization of her expert writing and speaking skills. Her primary areas of focus as a speaker are purpose and destiny, professional development and the faith factor. Dr. Alonia is CEO of Dream 2 Destiny Enterprises (D2DE, LLC), a full-service corporate communications and professional development company which exists for the purpose of educating, encouraging and empowering organizations and individuals to get from where they are to where they want to be: personally, professionally and/or spiritually. She is also servant leader/pastor of Dream to Destiny Ministries, Inc., a Christ-centered, nondenominational church that helps people live victorious lives through the Word of God.

A native of Atlanta, Georgia, Dr. Alonia is product of the Atlanta Public Schools system where she graduated salutatorian from William A. Bass High School. She went on to earn her Bachelor of Arts degree in English from Spelman College, and she earned credits toward a master’s degree in Biblical Studies and Theology from Luther Rice Seminary. In recognition of 30+ years of humanitarianism and philanthropy, she received a Doctor of Humane Letters degree from the Global International Alliance in May 2022.

Dr. Alonia’s work as a former magazine owner (*IMANI* – 1997 to 2004) is recipient of Spelman College’s Alumnae Achievement Award (in Media and Communications) and a letter of commendation from the White House. Additionally, she briefly served as publisher of *South Fulton Lifestyle* magazine in 2016. She has written feature stories for several national publications (most notably, *Who’s Who in Black Atlanta*®), and the Atlanta Business League lauded her as one of its top three “Storytellers,” subsequently featuring the trio on the cover of its annual Resource Guide. Dr. Alonia was also nominated “Most Outstanding Journalist” by the Electronic Report, a nomination she shared with former *ESSENCE* Magazine Editor-in-Chief, Susan Taylor and romance novelist, Zane.

In 2019, *The Atlanta Tribune/Atlanta Daily World* saluted Dr. Alonia as a Woman of Excellence, and *ACHI Magazine* presented her with the Woman of Influence Award. She is also a Hidden Figure of DeKalb County, Georgia. Dr. Alonia is the mastermind behind the BFLYSM brand of inspiration, the Wise Women ProsperSM movement, and The Dream Institute.

In short, Dr. Alonia is a loving and doting mother and grandmother, supportive daughter, effective leader, compassionate friend, committed pastor, successful business owner, and challenging educator/trainer/coach. Most importantly, she is a child of God. For more information about Dr. Alonia, visit her at www.dralonia.com.