



GREAT STORYTELLER: WRITING, SPEECH, SONG

Dr. Alonia Parks, professionally known as The Prolific Voice, is a seasoned journalist, communications strategist, keynote speaker, certified life coach, author, entrepreneur and vocalist who has spent more than four decades using the power of communication to inform, inspire and impact lives.

With a unique ability to uncover the story beneath the story, Dr. Alonia helps individuals and organizations connect the dots between their experiences, gifts and purpose. Her work is especially focused on helping people find their voice, own their story and move from confusion to clarity, from purpose to meaningful action. Whether writing, speaking, coaching or singing, her personal and professional mission is simple: **she uses her voice to help others find theirs.**

She is CEO of **Dream 2 Destiny Enterprises**, an Atlanta-based communications and human development company through which she has served clients and audiences across corporate, nonprofit, academic, governmental, entrepreneurial and faith-based sectors. Her career spans journalism, public relations and corporate communications, publishing, training, coaching, ministry, media and entrepreneurship—giving her a distinctive ability to communicate across industries, generations and audiences.

A gifted storyteller throughout her career, Dr. Alonia is the former owner and publisher of *IMANI Magazine* (1997–2004) and *South Fulton Lifestyle* (2016–2017). She served for many years as lead features writer for *Who's Who in Black Atlanta*® and as a features writer for *Who's Who in Black Alabama*® and *Who's Who in Black Birmingham*®. She is also the ghostwriter of *God Has a Plan for the Underdog*, the autobiography of Shelley “Butch” Anthony III, founder of This Is It! Southern Kitchen & Bar-B-Q.

Dr. Alonia's own journey has shaped much of the transformational work she brings to audiences today. Through professional transitions, entrepreneurship and seasons of reinvention, she has learned firsthand that life's unexpected turns do not have to derail one's purpose. Instead, she teaches that our experiences can provide the clarity needed to move forward with greater intention. Her forthcoming book, *Unhidden Wings*, expands upon this message by helping readers move **from stuck, to stable, to soaring**, while the re-release of *The Pursuit of Destiny: Making “Yes, I Can” a Personal Reality* continues her longstanding message of purposeful living.

An Atlanta native and proud graduate of Atlanta Public Schools, Dr. Alonia earned her bachelor's degree in English from **Spelman College** and studied Biblical Studies and Theology at Luther Rice Seminary. In 2022, she received a Doctor of Humane Letters degree from Global International Alliance in recognition of more than 30 years of humanitarianism and philanthropy.

Her many honors include the **Silver President's Volunteer Service Award**, received in 2024 in recognition of 250-plus hours of volunteer service; Spelman College's **Alumnae Achievement Award in Media/Communications**, the Woman of Excellence Award from *Atlanta Tribune/Atlanta Daily World*, the ACHI Magazine Woman of Influence Award, recognition as a Hidden Figure of DeKalb County, Live Believe Dream's But-I-Fly Award and recognition by *Voices of Champions Magazine* as one of 10 Powerful Women CEOs. She received a letter of commendation from the White House and was named one of the Atlanta Business League's top three storytellers. She was also nominated for Most Outstanding Journalist by the Electronic Urban Report alongside former *ESSENCE* editor-in-chief Susan L. Taylor and bestselling novelist Zane. Her gift for writing was recognized early when she became a recipient of Atlanta's inaugural Mayor's Scholar Award for excellence in essay writing.

Faith and service have remained foundational throughout Dr. Alonia's life and work. A licensed and ordained minister with more than 25 years in ministry, she is the founder and pastor of **Dream to Destiny Ministries**, a Christ-centered virtual ministry established in 2016. Her commitment to service also extends to young people as founder and visionary leader of **The Dream Institute Collaborative**, a nonprofit youth development organization created to equip young people with the communication skills, confidence and character needed to pursue their dreams and unlock their potential.

And because her voice has never been confined to the spoken or written word, music remains one of Dr. Alonia's greatest loves. Performing as **The Silky Songstress** with The Groove Theory Collective, she is on a mission to **spread love, joy and peace through the art of music**.

Above all, Dr. Alonia treasures her family and the opportunity to live a life rooted in faith, purpose, service and legacy.