



CELEBRATING THE

*Life & Legacy of*

DR. ALMA S.  
FREEMAN

FOREVER IN OUR HEARTS

**Dr.** Alma S. Freeman was born and grew up in LaFayette, Alabama (Chambers County). She graduated from Chambers County Training School in 1959 and from Alabama State College in 1963. She received the Master of Arts degree in English from the Ohio State University and the Ed.D in English and Humanities from Rutgers the State University of New Jersey. She received a National Endowment for the Humanities Fellowship for post-graduate study in Modern Fiction at Yale University and a Ford Foundation Fellowship for post-graduate study in African American Literature at the University of Pennsylvania. She was also awarded a Fulbright-Hayes Scholarship for a summer study in Egypt.

Dr. Freeman taught English at Chambers County Training School before joining the Alabama State University faculty in 1968. At Alabama State, she taught English and Humanities courses and served as chairperson of the Department of Humanities and as Dean of University College. She retired from Alabama State University in 1997. She returned to ASU in 2003 to serve as Interim Dean of the College of Education. Prior to this time, she left retirement in 2001 to serve as Interim President of H. Council Trenholm State Technical College during the merger of the two separate technical colleges (Patterson and Trenholm) into one college.

As a faculty member and administrator at Alabama State University, Dr. Freeman initiated and directed implementation of a number of programs in University College for freshman students, including the academic support centers in writing, mathematics, speech,

history and geography; interdisciplinary humanities courses; writing across the curriculum; the freshman honors program. She served on numerous university committees and advised several student organizations, among these was secretary and chair of the Faculty Senate, Faculty Marshal, and advisor to the Student Media Board. She was also a plaintiff in the historic Knight v. James/Knight v. Alabama Desegregation Lawsuit, which proved that Alabama's long history of segregation had adversely affected post-secondary educational opportunities of African American citizens.

Dr. Freeman is the author of several articles, has been actively involved in and made presentations and speeches for numerous professional and community organizations. Her professional and civic affiliations, activities, and awards include the following: Alabama Institute for Education in the Arts (board of directors); Alabama Humanities Foundation (board of directors, humanities scholars); Phi Delta Kappa Professional Fraternity education (chapter president, other offices); Auburn University's Center for the Arts and Humanities (humanities scholar); AEA/NEA; Delta Sigma Theta Sorority (chapter president, vice president, secretary); Montgomery Museum of Fine Arts (board of directors, docent); Leadership Montgomery Class VII; Civilian Guest of Air War College; Girl Scouts of Central Alabama Woman of Distinction Award; National Association for Equal Opportunity in Higher Education Presidential Citation; Association of Alabama College Administrators and Alabama Association for Women in Education Exemplary Service Award.

It Has Been My Pleasure To Serve

*Dr. Alma S. Freeman*



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SATURDAY, MARCH 11, 2023 ❖ 11AM—2PM

ALABAMA STATE UNIVERSITY

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*LaFayette, Alabama*

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