

ALONIA JONES, CLC

Journalist ♦ Speaker ♦ Life Coach

Communications strategist and certified life coach Alonia Jones represents an estimable and incomparable blend of inspirational speaking, print and broadcast journalism, as well as personal, professional and spiritual development. She currently serves as Director of Communications at Arlington Christian School in Fairburn, GA. She is also the visionary leader of Dream 2 Destiny Enterprises, an Atlanta-based, full service corporate communications and professional development company where she helps people realize their dreams and organizations achieve their goals. Further, Alonia sits at the helm of D2D Publishing & Media Group where she chronicles everything from individual memoirs to special commemorative compilations. Deeply committed to excellence, Alonia is renowned for effectively addressing and fulfilling the needs of those she has been entrusted to serve.

As a respected journalist, the Atlanta Business League celebrated Alonia as one of its top three storytellers and featured the trio on the cover of its annual resource guide in 2011. She is the founding publisher of *IMANI Magazine* (1997-2004), which received a letter of commendation from the White House. The publication also played a key role in Alonia earning the Alumnae Achievement Award in Media and Communications from Spelman College. Perhaps her greatest career milestone is that of being nominated for Most Outstanding Journalist by the Electronic Urban Report. The nomination is an honor she shared with Susan Taylor (former ESSENCE Magazine Editor-in-Chief) and romance novelist Zane. Alonia briefly re-inked her publisher's pen as publisher of *South Fulton Lifestyle*, an inspirational, monthly, community-focused magazine based in South Fulton, Georgia. She is the mastermind behind the Wise Women ProsperSM movement and the BFLYSM brand of inspiration.

Alonia has been saluted for her commitment to excellence. She was named a Hidden Figure of DeKalb County in 2018. And, in 2019, she was voted Woman of Influence by ACHI Magazine, and she was also saluted as a Woman of Excellence by *Atlanta Tribune: The Magazine/The Atlanta Daily World*.

An Atlanta native, Alonia is a product of the Atlanta Public Schools System; she graduated Salutatorian of Bass High School. A Mayor's Scholar (an honor received for excellence in essay writing), Alonia earned her undergraduate degree in English from Spelman College. She has earned credits towards a master's degree in Biblical Studies and Theology from Luther Rice Seminary. In addition to preaching and teaching life-changing messages and lessons, Elder Jones has greatly impacted the faith community by reaching international audiences as a contributing writer for PreachingWoman.com and the online magazine, ShulamiteWomen.com. She is currently the servant leader/pastor of Dream to Destiny Ministries, Inc. in the metropolitan Atlanta area, which she launched in April 2016. She has been preaching the Gospel of Jesus Christ since January 2000 and is godly proud of the fact that 2020 marks years of ministry. This momentous achievement commemorates 20 years of impartation, innovation, inspiration and influence.

In addition to being a self-published author, Alonia has also ghostwritten books, speeches, articles, scripts and more for celebrities, pastors, entrepreneurs, among others. Further, she has written countless feature articles for *Who's Who in Black*

Atlanta®, *Who's Who in Black Birmingham®* and *Who's Who in Black Alabama®*. Her passion for working with youth is manifested through her work with her nonprofit initiative, The Dream Institute. As such, she helps youth (and adults facing major life changes) to tactfully articulate their life's dreams and enhance their leadership and critical thinking skills through the enhancement and strengthening of their writing and public speaking skills. The organization also helps equip people to master everyday living.

Alonia patterns her life after five God-led principles: service to God, service to man, accountability, integrity, and excellence. She is married to Navy veteran, Rodney Jones Sr. Her blended family consists of her children: James Jr., Kori Alexis and Emmanuel Alonzo Jernigan, and Rodney Jones Jr. (Sequoia); mother, Velma Parks; grandchildren, Jaylynn Jones and Cali Parker Jones; nephew and niece (whom she helped raise), Ralph Harrison and Laquita Harrison Jarrett (Randy), great nephew, Khaleb Harrison, great niece, Laila Harrison, and brother-in-law, Ralph Harrison Jr. Her siblings are Rev. Micheal Parks (Sandra) and Monica Edwards, and she forever cherishes the memory of her beloved father and sister, Rev. Alonzo Parks and Lala Jean Parks Harrison. For more information on Alonia, visit aloniajones.com.