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Keynote Speaker Dr. Tonea Stewart

1997 Image Award Nominee, 1999 New York World Fest Gold Medal Winner, and 1999 Gabriel Award Winner

"Giving Our All: The Counselors Legacy and Challenge of the 21st Century. Then Our Living Shall Not Be in Vain."

Tonea Stewart, a native of Greenwood, Mississippi, now resides in Montgomery, Alabama. She is a tenured Professor and Chair of the Department of Theatre Arts at Alabama State University, a professional actress, and motivational speaker.

After receiving a B.S. degree in Speech and Theatre from Jackson State University and an M.A. in Theatre Arts from the University of California at Santa Barbara, Tonea completed her Ph.D. in Theatre Arts at Florida State University in 1989. She was the first African American female to receive a doctorate from the FSU school of Theatre and the first McKnight Doctoral Fellow in Theatre Arts. During her study at FSU, Tonea also received a fellowship from the National Endowment for the Humanities.

As an actress, Tonea is perhaps best known for her recurring role in *In The Heat of the Night*, an NAACP Image Award nomination for her role in the film adaptation of John Grisham's *A Time to Kill*, and The Gold Medal Award for the narration of Public Radio International's series "Remembering Slavery." Tonea became the first African American to direct and star on stage at New Stage Theatre, the most prestigious equity theatre in Mississippi.

Since then, she has performed in Canada, Mexico, South Korea, Scotland, Turkey and throughout the United States, including Carnegie Hall and the Kennedy Center, and she has appeared, on screen and television. Some notable titles include: *The Rosa Parks Story*; *Mississippi Burning*; *Invasion of the Body Snatchers III*; *Living Large*; *My Stepson/My Lover*; "Walker, Texas Ranger"; "Matlock"; "Leave of Absence"; "I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings"; "ER"; "Miss. Damned"; and "Touched by an Angel."

We are delighted to welcome Dr. Tonea Stewart to Myrtle Beach where she will inform and inspire South Carolina Counselors to continue to "Give Our All" in "Leading the Way to a Brighter Tomorrow."