

Brief Biographical Sketch

Alice Carson Tisdale



Alice Carson Tisdale is a native of Montgomery, Alabama. She attended elementary school in Mobile, Alabama, and high school in the Philippine Islands, Clark Air Force Base. Her parents moved to Dover, Delaware, over 40 years ago, thus she considers Delaware her home.

Mrs. Tisdale received the Bachelor of Science degree in Elementary Education from *Elizabeth City State University*, Elizabeth City, North Carolina, and the Master of Education degree in reading diagnosis and remediation from *Salisbury State University*, Salisbury, Maryland. She is certified in elementary education, middle level and

secondary administration, and further completed an educational internship on middle level administration with the Delaware State Department of Education.

Mrs. Tisdale has written and published: An Agenda for Success: Restructuring Middle Level Education in the State of Delaware and APEX: Reaching the Top! An Alternative Program for Middle Level Education.

In 1986, she received the **District Teacher of the Year** award while teaching in the Smyrna School District, Smyrna, Delaware. Before moving to Orangeburg, she taught in that district for 21 years. In 1991, she received the State Chamber of Commerce “**Superstars! In Education Award**” from the State of Delaware for innovative teaching strategies; and later, the “**NAACP Educator of the Year Award**” from the Dover, Delaware, Central Branch of the NAACP. In 2004, she was awarded the “**Outstanding Director of the Year**” by The National Association of African American Honors Programs. In 2011, she received the *Community Service Award* from the Delta Lambda Chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc

In 1996, Mrs. Tisdale was honored by the Claflin University Board of Trustees by the renaming of the University’s honors college as “*The Alice Carson Tisdale Honors College.*”

Mrs. Tisdale currently serves many organizations, among these: Appointment by Governor Nikki Haley to the *Governor’s Mansion and Lace House Commission*; National Secretary/Treasurer of the *National Association of African American Honors Programs*; and Board Chair of the *Orangeburg County Community of Character*. She is a member and Co-Founder/Director of the “Praise Kids” children’s Christian theater at Trinity United Methodist Church, Orangeburg, SC; member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated, Beta Zeta Omega Chapter; and The Links, Incorporated, Orangeburg Chapter.

Mrs. Tisdale is married to Dr. Henry N. Tisdale, the 8th President of Claflin University, who is now in his 20th year of service. She holds dual titles as the First Lady of Claflin and the Director of the Honors College. Additionally, she is a motivational speaker for children and people of all ages.

The Tisdales are the proud parents of two grown children; Danica C. Tisdale Fisher, Ph.D. and Brandon Keith Tisdale. They also are the grandparents of Asa Toure Fisher.