



CLASS OF 2021



Shauna Smith

Shauna Smith, born in Tallahassee, graduated from Florida State University School in 1972. She went on to earn her Bachelor's degree in Speech Pathology Audiology and her Master's in Interpersonal Communications from Florida State University.

Her career in the communications field began at Easterseals as a speech therapist, and she eventually made her way to Apalachee Elementary as a Pre-K speech pathologist. Afterward, she went on to FAMU to work as a professor in Communications and Composition for nine years. During her time at FAMU, Smith hosted the FAMU Today TV show and was a recipient of the McKnight Junior Faculty Fellowship.

Shauna joined the TCC family in 1990 as a Speech and Composition professor, where she would serve in this role for 26 years. During her tenure at TCC, she was a member of TCC's first Leadership Class, and was the founder of Talent@TCC, an open-mic program created to allow students to showcase their various talents. Smith remained very active on TCC's campus until her retirement in 2016, serving on several campus committees, proposing new curricula for communications courses, sponsoring classroom enhancements in partnership with the TCC Foundation, and organizing events such as TCC's Relay for Life.

Shauna's presence in the community is far-reaching. Her involvement has ranged from serving as a member of the Black History Alliance and FAMU Way Advisory program, to leading as the VP of the Apalachee Ridge Neighborhood Association and partnering with the Indaba Theatre—a nonprofit theater and community space. She also established the Neyland Rhoney Scholarship at her alma mater in honor of the two students who integrated Florida High (FSUS).