



51st Installation Ceremony



*Alabama Women's
Hall of Fame*

Thursday, March 3rd, 2022

The University of West Alabama Auditorium
LIVINGSTON, ALABAMA

Alabama Women's Hall of Fame

PROGRAM OF INSTALLATION

March 3rd, 2022 • 10:30 a.m.

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INVOCATION Dr. John H. Killian, Sr.
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WELCOME Dr. Ken Tucker
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REMARKS AND INTRODUCTION
OF THE BOARD AND SPEAKERS Mrs. Patricia Barnes
CHAIRPERSON, Board of Directors

INSTALLATION OF INDUCTEES

VESTAL GOODMAN

Inducted by
Former Secretary of State Beth Chapman

ALLISON WETHERBEE

Inducted by Gov. Kay Ivey

SIGNING OF LEGISLATIVE BILL HB 100 Gov. Kay Ivey

CLOSING REMARKS Mrs. Patricia Barnes

*STATE SONG "Alabama" Julia Tutwiler
Led by Dr. Christopher Shelt

LUNCHEON Bell Conference Center

**PLEASE STAND*

Allison Wetherbee

(1970–2016)

Allison Wetherbee was born on December 8, 1970, to Charlie and Gloria Wetherbee. Though born in Selma, she was raised in Camden, Alabama. Allison was born with quadrilateral tetra-amelia, which is a syndrome characterized by the absence of all four limbs. But she never let this stop her.

When she was four years old, Allison served as the Alabama March of Dimes Child in 1974. In 1981, she was the Easterseals Child of the Year. After attending Camp ASCCA for six years, she went on to serve as a public relations assistant for three summers. Allison graduated from Wilcox Academy in 1989, and the yearbook was dedicated to her that year. Following graduation, she enrolled at Auburn University in Montgomery, where she completed a bachelor's degree and in 1996, earned a Master's degree in mental health counseling.

After serving as a mental health counselor in Russellville, Allison became the Director of Public Relations at Camp ASCCA, where she lived on campus. She began traveling extensively throughout the state, giving presentations to civic clubs, churches, and schools, among others, while sharing her inspirational message and spreading the word about Camp ASCCA. Though she later moved to Muscle Shoals, she still continued her work for Camp ASCCA, visiting all 67 counties in the process.

Allison's autobiography, *I Was Born This Way*, was published in 2009. Three years later, she was honored by Anytime Fitness as a National Member Success Story. Always one to see the needs of others, she would buy food for homeless people, supported the local women's shelter, and attended group support meetings, not because she needed the support, but to offer support. She also held a fund raiser to help someone in need of a liver transplant pay for medical expenses.

Allison Wetherbee passed away on July 21, 2016. To honor her memory, money was raised for a mural at the site of her family's former department store in Camden, and in 2019, a scholarship was awarded to two students at Wilcox Academy who wrote essays describing obstacles they had overcome in their lives.

According to so many people who knew her, Allison Wetherbee had an amazing ability to help others see people with disabilities for what they are: people. She demonstrated that just by the life she lived. Allison used the gifts that were given to her – strength, resilience, faithfulness, humility, generosity, perseverance, and humor – to show the world that while everyone has limitations in life, it is how people chose to deal with those limitations that defines them.



Vestal Goodman

(1929–2003)

Born one of six children in Fyffe, Alabama, to Gordy and Mae Freeman, Vestal Goodman went on to become internationally known as the “Queen of Gospel Music.”

Vestal Goodman married Howard “Happy” Goodman and became leader of the *Happy Goodman Family* southern gospel group. The group became nationally known through their Sunday morning appearances on *The Gospel Singing Jubilee*. In 1968, the *Happy Goodman Family* won the first Grammy award given for a gospel album by a gospel group. In 1978, the group won a Grammy for best gospel performance. They had fifteen #1 songs. The *Happy Goodman Family* performed over 3,500 concerts, including a performance for President and Mrs. Carter at the White House.

In 1975, Vestal Goodman released her first solo album. She became the first artist to win the Dove Award for Female Vocalist of the Year. Goodman sang with multiple gospel and country groups and stars such as Dolly Parton, Hank Williams, and George Jones, to name a few. She performed at the Grand Ole Opry and the Kennedy Center, and was recognized by *Rolling Stone*, *Billboard*, *Time*, and *People* magazines. In the 1990s, she was a part of the Gaither Homecoming series and was regarded as the most popular artist of the series during that time. Vestal Goodman was the first gospel singer to win the Alabama State Council on the Arts Hall of Honor Special Award. Goodman was inducted into the Gospel Music Association Hall of Fame in 1998 as part of the Happy Goodman Family, and she was posthumously inducted as a solo artist in 2004. Three of her music videos reached gold status.

In addition to her music, Vestal Goodman was one of the first female preachers in Alabama to travel the state, and the nation. Through her preaching and singing in a career that spanned more than 50 years, Goodman made a profound impact on the world. According to Bill Gaither, Goodman had the “most dynamic and greatest voice in the history of gospel music” and he proclaimed her a “national treasure.”

Goodman had two children, Vicki and Rick. She was living in Nashville, Tennessee when she passed away on December 27, 2003.



The *Alabama Women's Hall of Fame*, established at Judson College in 1970, recognizes women native to, or identified closely with, the state of Alabama. Each year, the Board of Directors selects up to two women for induction who have made significant contributions on a state, national, or international level within their personal or professional lives. Only those who have been deceased for two years or longer may be considered. The Board invites nominations of distinguished women of Alabama who have influenced the lives of their fellow citizens and who have left a mark on this state.

The members of the Board of Directors hail from different regions of the state and represent broad interests: religion, fine arts, medicine, education, community service, business, science, and government. At its initiation, the Board elected the Honorable Lister Hill, distinguished senator and statesman, as its chairman. In 1975, the Legislature of the State of Alabama adopted the Alabama Women's Hall of Fame as an agency of the State.

The list of members of the Alabama Women's Hall of Fame, to which two are being added today, clearly indicates the strong role of women in the development of this state. Bronze plaques, each bearing an inscription and the likeness of a member, will be installed on the University of West Alabama campus in the coming months.

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| 1971 | Hallie Farmer (1881-1960) Helen Adams Keller (1880-1968) Julie Strudwick Tutwiler (1841-1916) |
| 1972 | Agnes Ellen Harris (1883-1952) Margaret Murray Washington (1856-1925) |
| 1973 | Edwina Donnelly Mitchell (1894-1968) Lurleen Burns Wallace (1926-1968) |
| 1974 | Henrietta Gibbs (1879-1960) Loraine Bedsole Tunstall (1879-1953) |
| 1975 | Dixie Bibb Graves (1883-1965) Marie Bankhead Owen (1869-1958) |
| 1976 | Ruth Robertson Berrey (1906-1973) Annie Lola Price (1903-1972) |
| 1977 | Amelia Gayle Gorgas (1826-1913) Augusta Evans Wilson (1835-1909) |
| 1978 | Annie Rowan Forney Daugette (1876-1974) Pattie Ruffner Jacobs (1875-1939) |

- 1979 Myrtle Brooke (1872-1948)
Carrie A. Tuggle (1858-1924)
- 1980 Kathleen Mallory (1879-1954)
Ruby Pickens Tartt (1880-1974)
- 1981 Tallulah Bankhead (1903-1968)
Mrs. R. D. Johnston (1851-1934)
- 1982 Loula Friend Dunn (1896-1977)
Sister Chrysostom Moynahan (1863-1941)
- 1983 Anne Mathilde Bilbro (1870-1958)
Clara Weaver Parrish (1961-1925)
- 1984 Mildred Westervelt Warner (1893-1974)
Katherine White-Spunner (1892-1978)
- 1985 Blanche Evans Dean (1892-1974)
Katherine Vickery (1898-1978)
- 1986 Chamintney Stovall Thomas (1899-1979)
Martha Strudwick Young (1862-1941)
- 1987 Elizabeth Caroline Crosby (1888-1983)
Lella Warren (1899-1982)
- 1988 Katherine Cooper Cater (1914-1980)
Mary Elizabeth Phillips Thompson (1855-1927)
- 1989 Gwin Bristow (1903-1980)
Geneva Mercer (1889-1984)
- 1990 Maud McClure Kelly (1887-1973)
Octavia LeVert (1811-1877)
- 1991 Julia Tarrant Barron (1805-1890)
Anna Linton Praytor (1914-1989)
Frances Virginia Praytor (1899-1974)
- 1992 Bessie Morse Bellingrath (1878-1943)
Zelda Sayre Fitzgerald (1900-1948)
Frances Scott Fitzgerald Smith (1921-1986)

- 1993 Ida Brandon Mathis (1857-1925)
Mary George Jordan Waite (1917-1990)
- 1994 Doris Marie Bender (1911-1991)
Lottice Howell (1897-1982)
- 1995-1996 Elizabeth Burford Bashinsky (1867-1968)
Maud McKnight Lindsay (1874-1941)
- 1997 Marion Walker Spidle (1897-1983)
Hattie Hooker Wilkins (1875-1949)
- 1998 Martha Foster Crawford (1830-1909)
Maria Howard Weeden (1846-1905)
- 1999 Martha Booth (1880-1953)
Juliet Opie Hopkins (1818-1890)
- 2000 Florence Golson Bateman (1891-1987)
Marie Fearing (1838-1937)
- 2001 Ida Vines Moffett (1905-1996)
Sibyl Murphree Pool (1901-1973)
- 2002 Idella Jones Childs (1903-1998)
Jane Lobman Katz (1931-1986)
- 2003 Louise H. Branscomb (1901-1999)
Bess Bolden Walcott (1886-1988)
- 2004 Nancy Batson Crews (1920-2001)
Rosa Gerhardt (1898-1975)
- 2005 Vera Hall (1902-1964)
Juliette Hampton Morgan (1914-1957)
- 2006 Virginia Foster Durr (1903-1999)
Mary Celesta Johnson Weatherly (1890-1976)
- 2007 Fran McKee (1926-2002)
Martha C. Myers (1945-2002)
- 2008 Rosa McCauley Parks (1913-2005)

- 2009 Coretta Scott King (1927-2006)
- 2010 Mary Ivy Burks (1920-2007)
Margaret Charles Smith (1906-2004)
- 2011 Evelyn Daniel Anderson (1926-1998)
Ada Ruth Stovall (1913-2008)
- 2012 Nina Miglionico (1913-2009)
- 2013 Zora Neale Hurston (1891-1960)
Frances Cabaniss Roberts (1917-2000)
- 2014 Hazel Mansell Gore (1923-2001)
- 2015 Kathryn Tucker Windham (1928-2011)
- 2016 Anne Mae Beddow (1893-1974)
Sarah Haynsworth Gayle (1804-1835)
- 2017 Mary Ward Brown (1917-2013)
Sara Crews Finley (1930-2013)
- 2018 Jessie Welch Austin (1884-1987)
Jeanne Friegel Berman (1914-1981)
- 2019 Milly Francis (1982 or 1983-1848)
Nelle Harper Lee (1926-2016)
- 2020 Mother Mary Angelida (1923-2016)
Janie Ledlow Shores (1932-2017)
- 2021 Emera Frances Griffin (1843-1917)
Vivian Malone Jones (1942-2005)



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Alabama, Alabama,
We will aye be true to thee,
From thy Southern shore where groweth,
By the sea thine orange tree.
To thy Northern vale where floweth
Deep and blue thy Tennessee.
Alabama, Alabama,
We will aye be true to thee!

Little, little, can I give thee,
Alabama, mother mine;
But that little—hand, brain, spirit,
All I have and am are thine.
Take, O take the gift and giver,
Take and serve thyself with me.
Alabama, Alabama,
I will aye be true to thee.

Julia S. Tutwiler, 1873

