

## Valerie D. Johnson

Ms. Valerie D. Johnson, author, choir director, Life design catalyst coach, singer and professor of voice at North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University is a graduate of the University of Southern Mississippi and Howard University.

Ms. Johnson has had a very successful career as a music educator and vocal soloist on both national and international stages. Some of her performances include the Kennedy Center for the performing arts, Alaska, Trinidad and Tobago, West Indies, the University of Manchester and Southbank Centre (U.K.), and the Tono American Music Festival (Japan).

Ms. Johnson served as the Bennett College Choir director for nearly 20 years leading them in performances throughout the United States and a variety of television and radio appearances. During her tenure at Bennett, she challenged her students to align their purpose and passion with their major; as a result, many of her students excelled in leadership and entrepreneurship. Ms. Johnson's love for empowering students and adults through self-assessment, which ultimately assisting them in discovering their life's meaningful work, led her to certifications as Life design catalyst coach. Participants in her Life Design workshops are motivated to alleviate *Stinkin' Thinkin'* and any other habits that are hindering them from understanding their purpose and living the best version of themselves.

Ms. Johnson is the author of “**Wow! I Needed to Know THAT! The Manual for Embracing a Powerful Life Without Limits.**”

Ms. Johnson is the recipient of numerous awards, including the United Methodist church exemplary teacher award, National Alumnae Association Faculty Service Award, and the Women in the Arts achievement award, awarded by the City of Greensboro's Commission on the status of Women. Ms. Johnson is often in demand as soloist, church music clinician, music director for theatre productions, vocal producer, and Life design catalyst coach speaker.

**Ms. Johnson's mission is to impact lives by “Educating Greatness, Empowering Purpose and Inspiring Humanity!”**