

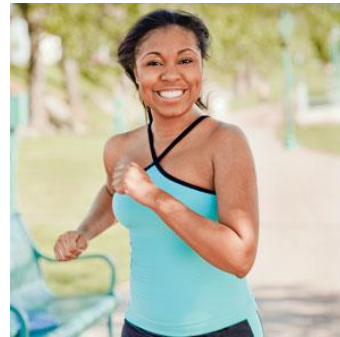
# TAMIRA A. COLE



Deemed as an energetic trailblazer, Tamira Cole adds a new spin on *empowered and Southern charm!* An accomplished teacher, college instructor, author, missionary, and youth activist, Tamira has traveled around the world encouraging young men and women, *“to do the impossible!”* The editor and chief of *Teens for Change Magazine* for Africa Change International in Ghana, she is a member of the Board of Directors for ACI, serves as Board President & Secretary and mentor for L.E.A.P. Org, a 4-H and HOSA alumna, a magazine contributor, and public speaker.

Tamira jumped full feet ahead as a leader and innovator of change, pushing young men and women *to be different, have character and change the world* when she became the first African American woman to be accepted into membership of the Sigma Kappa Chapter of Chi Omega Women’s Fraternity. She is the youngest member of the fraternity to receive the Joebelle Holcombe Outstanding Panhellenic Alumna Award, a former national scholarship recipient, and is recognized as a notable Chi Omega nationally. Tamira is a graduate of *The Nancy Walton Laurie Leadership Institute* of Chi Omega.

Named by *Glamour* magazine as one of America’s top-twenty two college women, “who is most likely to succeed-*at anything,*” Tamira was named to the *USA Today All-USA Academic College Team* as one of the top 100 undergraduates in America, a semi-finalist in the *Maybelline 5 Beauty Team Spokesperson* and *St. Ives! Live Beauty and Self-Esteem Panelist Searches*, a *Glamour* magazine hero for extraordinary courage and contribution, featured in *SHAPE* magazine for weight loss and perseverance, United States Congressional Bronze Medal for Youth Service Recipient, and is a Harris Wofford National Outstanding Service Award Top Ten Finalist. She is a former member and supporter of the National 4-H organization where she sat as a member of the Board of Trustees as the first ever Tennessee 4-



Her to be appointed. She is twice a United States Delegate for Peace Child International’s World Youth Congress, youth leader/co pastor for ages 9-18, and is an Honorary Member of Gamma Sigma Sigma National Service Sorority, Inc.

A graduate of Austin Peay State University, Tamira has written for *CosmoGIRL!* and *Seventeen* Magazines, dozens of newspapers, journals and *Haven Girls Online Magazine* column’s *Inside and Out* which focused on myths of black beauty, media perception and self-education. She is a former Miss Black Kentucky USA, top five Miss Black USA People’s Choice finalist, and homecoming queen. She is working on her second book, Matters,

Men and Marriage a sequel to her first book, HUSH. Tamira has lectured and selected as a participant scholar at Brown University, Columbia University, Princeton University, University of California at Berkeley and George Mason University on such topics as capital punishment, student leadership and sustainable change.