

Renowned English professor, **Dr. E. Delores Stephens** started teaching at Morehouse College in 1964. In addition to her many years of service and her countless accolades, Dr. Stephens was awarded the Vulcan Materials Company's Teaching Excellence Award for the 2015-2016 academic year.

Ever the intellectual and academician, Dr. Stephens was the valedictorian of her class at Spelman College and later earned her Master's degree from Atlanta University (now Clark Atlanta University) and her Ph.D. from Emory University. She also earned a certificate of completion from the University of London and a Testamur from the University of Exeter.

For years, Dr. Stephens played an integral roles at Morehouse, serving as chair of the English department for years, and was later elected to the Executive Committee of the Association of Departments of English. She was a charter member of Sigma Tau Delta International English Honor Society, organized at Morehouse in 1976.

A beloved educator, Dr. Stephens taught, guided, advised and mentored countless Morehouse students and graduates over the years included most notably 16-term U.S. Congressman Sanford Bishop '68 and Academy Award winning filmmaker Spike Lee '79.