

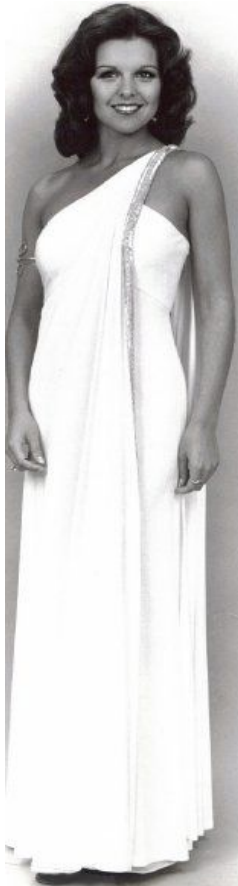
# Outstanding Alumni: Mrs. Teresa Cheatham Crosby '75



Teresa Cheatham Crosby graduated from Jacksonville State University in 1979 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in vocal performance with a minor in drama. She received a Master of Music degree in vocal performance from the University of Louisville. She also has a background in radio and television communication from JSU.

Teresa was named Miss Alabama 1978 and was 1st runner up Miss America 1979. She won the talent competition and the swimsuit competition in the Miss America Pageant. Following her reign as Miss Alabama, she toured England, Iceland, and Germany performing as part of the Miss America USO tour along with several other contestants in the pageant. Since 2001, Mrs. Crosby has worked as a vocal instructor at Jacksonville State University.

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Teresa Crosby, soprano, joined the JSU Music Faculty in the fall of 2001. She serves JSU as Instructor of Voice and teaches Class Voice. For ten years, she served as a vocal coach for the yearly musical produced jointly by the Music and Drama departments and as Assistant Director of Jacksonville Opera Theatre in charge of Publicity. She currently maintains a studio of 14-16 Applied Voice students each semester teaching as many voice lessons per week plus teaching Class Voice twice weekly.

Mrs. Crosby performs regularly as soprano soloist in concerts, recitals and local church performances. She has been featured with the Alabama Symphony and the Atlanta Pops Orchestra. Since 2005, she has collaborated with JSU colleague Dr. Gail Steward, performing original arts songs written by Dr. Steward in recital throughout north Alabama and at an occasional state or national conference.

Prior to joining the Music Department, Mrs. Crosby enjoyed a public relations career with Jacksonville State University for 15 years. She has also enjoyed being a TV commercial spokesperson and has been seen for the past 20 years on local and regional TV.

Other:

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