

# WOMEN OF COLOR FOUNDATION



**Alexandria Johnson Boone, Chairwoman and Founder**

Alexandria Johnson Boone, nationally recognized businesswoman and community activist, founded the Women of Color Foundation, (a 501c3 organization) dedicated to the education, training and leadership development of all women of color in April 2005. The Foundation currently produces annual personal and professional development conferences and training programs for women and girls in Cleveland, Columbus, and Cincinnati, Ohio and Chicago, Illinois and will expand to Detroit, Michigan in 2008. The Foundation also hosts the annual **ISIS Awards Luncheon** that recognizes and celebrates women of color who have achieved major milestones in their personal lives and professional careers.

Boone is also President and CEO of GAP Communications Group, a full-service public relations, advertising, marketing, fundraising and special events firm based in Cleveland, and organized in May 1994. Under her leadership, GAP has gained local, regional and national recognition for its quality public relations, publicity and marketing services and its creative communications programs.

With more than 26 years of communications and management experience, Ms. Boone has grown and expanded GAP Communications Group to one of the largest minority-owned communications firms in the State of Ohio. In the past, she has served as the personal publicist for a number of professional athletes, politicians, businessmen and entertainers, including NBA superstar LeBron James.

Ms. Boone, a native of Cleveland, is a proud graduate of the Cleveland Public Schools. She also holds a Master's Degree from the Weatherhead School of Management at Case Western Reserve University; a Certificate from the Amos Tuck School of Business at Dartmouth College and was a 1997 National Fellow in the Boston University School of Public Health's *Join Together Program*. In addition, she is a graduate of the prestigious Leadership Cleveland Program, Class of 1987-88.

In 2002, she founded the Marcus Garvey Academy Middle School, an innovative community school with an African-centered curriculum based in East Cleveland, Ohio.

Throughout her career, Alex has received numerous awards for her business and professional achievements and has been recognized for a number of communications industry accomplishments.