

I am Ophelia Collins, a very proud 1980 graduate of Miles College with a Bachelor of Science degree in Secretarial Administration. During my tenure at Miles, I served as cheerleader from 1977-1980 under the leadership of Ms. Veronica Anthony. I am honored to have been inducted into the 2014 class of Miles College Sports Hall of Fame organization, of which I currently hold the position of secretary.

After graduation, my first secured employment was secretary in the Miles College Development Office, where I worked diligently with the late Ms. Rose White and Dean Frank Pearson, Sr. My organizational and typing skills landed me multiple successful careers before retirement of 20 years in 2023 as supervisor with the State of Alabama Disability Determination Services. My skills are currently displayed as Financial Secretary at True Love Church Ensley.

Miles College has and will always be dear to me as I continue to remind others of the success and rich history of our great institution. I bleed purple and gold, because I can look back at the days without a nationally known marching band; our very own football stadium; over two dormitories on campus, and record-breaking championships in any sports. Every opportunity and platform I am given I still cheer the greatness of our historically black institution.

My most recent accomplishment afforded me the recognition as one of the 2025 Miles College Top 50 Recipient, whose goal is to assist our students to obtain successful careers and further education after graduation.