## Paine College Pride Forum

## Beyond the Classroom:
## Navigating the World of Work

***Presented by:***

***Paine College School of Business & Professional Advancement***

# BEEP WEEK 2026

**Wednesday, October 28, 2026**
**Eleven O'clock in the Morning**
**Gilbert-Lambuth Memorial Chapel**
**Augusta, Georgia**



*Ceretta Smith is a proud Army Veteran, mother, wife, faith leader, grandmother, small business owner, former Councilwoman in the City of Grovetown and she was the Democratic Nominee for GA State Senate District 23 in 2020. She is proud to call Grovetown home for the past nineteen years, where she lives with her husband, Retired Sergeant First Class Sterling Vandolph Smith. At her small business, she is committed to molding and developing future leaders of the workforce. It's here that she teaches the values of compassionate leadership, guided by the adage:*

*"People don't care how much you know until they know how much you care."*

*Before running her own business, she spent decades serving her country in various roles. She proudly served as a medic in the Army for nearly a decade, where she helped wounded soldiers recover in hospitals, clinics, and worked in a field unit in Germany. She then continued to serve by working for the Federal Government for another twenty-five years. Through her work, she became a Labor, Civil, Human Rights Activist, serving as: the Women's and Fair Practices Coordinator, Chief Steward, Legislative Political Coordinator, Local President, Georgia State Council President and the National Fair Practices Coordinator for the largest Federal Government Union, the American Federation of Government Employees.*

*Ceretta holds a Bachelor's Degree in the Arts from the Minnesota Graduate School of Theology, a Master's Degree in Guidance and Counseling from the Sacramento School of Theology ,four Associate Degrees from Augusta Technical College and a Doctorate of Ministry with a focus in Organizational Leadership from Deeper Bible College. She is a Certified HISCoach Life Coach, a Certified Paracletos Counselor, a Christian Recording Artist, a Published Author , a Certified DISC Behavioral Analyst, a Certified Myers-Briggs Practitioner and a Faith Leader in her community that travels nationally and internationally.*

# Program

Chavonne Campbell, '28, Presiding
**Business-Management**

Invocation.....James Givens '28
**Business-MIS**

Scripture.....Jaylen Bynes '28
**Business-Management**

Campus Announcements.....Myleeta Brown '28
**Business-Management**

Introduction of the Speaker.....Sariah Armour '28
**Business-Management**

Musical Selection..... Paine College Choir
**Mr. Trey McLaughlin, Director**

The Address.....Ceretta Smith
**CEO, Congressional Candidate**

Remarks.....Dr. Elias Etinge
**Department Chair- School of Business and Professional Advancement**
**Paine College**

The Paine College Hymn (on back of program) .....Frank Yerby '37

Benediction.....Reverend Dr. Luther B. Felder, II
**Campus Pastor**

# The Paine College Hymn

Mr. Frank Yerby, ’37 and Mr. Mark Fax

O College of our heart’s desire,
resplendent in our gaze,
Awake in us thy sacred fire
and let us to thy truth aspire
throughout the coming days.

And may the thing that thou hast sought,
our nation’s woeful lack,
True union of the heart be brought
and differences be set at naught
between the white and black.

Paine College, guardian of the way
that each young foot must tread,
Thy gates are open to this day
and our firm, martial strides display
hearts clean and unafraid.