



Carolyn "Freda" King

Carolyn "Freda" King has a history of turning adversity into an opportunity to help others.

Freda struggled with poverty for years before turning her life around at age 36. After earning her associate degree at TCC and a bachelor's degree from Florida State University, Freda now supervises DISC Village's re-entry program for inmates of the Leon County Jail and provides substance abuse and life skills education for clients of Refuge House. She also shares her experiences with others as a

motivational speaker, encouraging them to make positive changes in their lives.

Freda graduated from TCC with a 3.5 GPA, was TCC's student of the year and gave the commencement address at her graduation. She has also been a TCC Women's History Month honoree and won a LeRoy Collins Distinguished Alumni Award from the Association of Florida Colleges.

In 2010, when Freda King's soldier son was killed in Afghanistan, she and other family members created the Brandon Michael King Scholarship in his honor to help deserving students attend TCC. They have raised more than \$67,000 for this scholarship that is changing the lives of students and helping them to realize their full potential.

Carolyn "Freda" King's successful life journey provides a valuable example for TCC eagles to live by.