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Dr. Beverly Daniel Tatum has served as president of Spelman College since 2002. Her tenure as president has been marked by a period of great innovation and growth. Spelman College, long recognized as the leading educator of women of African descent, is now ranked among the top 100 liberal arts colleges in the nation. An accomplished administrator, Dr. Tatum is also widely recognized as a race relations expert and leader in higher education. A Fellow of the American Psychological Association, her areas of research include racial identity development, and the role of race in the classroom. In 2005 Dr. Tatum was awarded the prestigious Brock International Prize in Education for her innovative leadership in the field. Her best-selling titles include *Can We Talk About Race? And Other Conversations in an Era of School Resegregation* (2007) and *Why Are All the Black Kids Sitting Together in the Cafeteria? And Other Conversations About Race* (1997). She is also the author of *Assimilation Blues: Black Families in a White Community* (1987).

An active member of the Atlanta community, Dr. Tatum currently serves on several national boards including the White House Initiative on Historically Black Colleges and Universities, Teach for America, the Institute for International Education, and the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching. She is also on the corporate board of Georgia Power.

She holds a B.A. degree in psychology from Wesleyan University, and M.A. and Ph.D. in clinical psychology from University of Michigan. She also holds a M.A. in Religious Studies from Hartford Seminary. Prior to coming to Spelman, she enjoyed a long career as a professor of psychology, then served as dean and acting president at Mount Holyoke College in Massachusetts. President Tatum is married to Dr. Travis Tatum, a retired college professor; they are the parents of two adult sons.