



Etta Zuber Falconer

(1933–2002)

Falconer spent most of her career at Spelman College, rising to the rank of full professor and acting provost. She was the thirteenth Black American woman to receive a PhD in mathematics. At Spelman, Falconer introduced computer science classes (she was one of the first women in the US to earn a masters in CS), and started the NASA Women in Science and Engineering (WISE) Program. Since its

1987 inception, the program has led to over 50 doctorates. Falconer received the United Negro College Fund's Distinguished Faculty Award (1986), the NAM Distinguished Service Award (1994), the AWM Louise Hay Award (1995), and the AAAS Mentor Award for Lifetime Achievement (2001).

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