



Joan Trumpauer Mulholland

Her Freedom Rider mugshot has been called one of the most iconic in American history. By the time she was 23 years old, Joan Trumpauer Mulholland participated in over 50 sit-ins and demonstrations including the Freedom Rides,

the Jackson Woolworth's Sit-in, the March on Washington, the Meredith March and the Selma to Montgomery March. Her path has crossed with some of the biggest names in the Civil Rights Movement: Martin Luther King, Medgar Evers, Fannie Lou Hamer, John Lewis, Diane Nash and Julian Bond to name a few.

In 2023 Joan received an honorary doctorate from Tougaloo College. She is also the recipient of the 2020 Simeon Booker Award for Courage, the 2019 International Civil Rights Museum Trailblazer Award, the 2015 National Civil Rights Museum Freedom Award, the 2013 Anti-Defamation League Annual Heroes Against Hate Award, and the 2013 Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated Annual Award of Honor.

She has appeared in several books including "Get Back to the Counter", "Coming of Age in Mississippi", "Breach of Peace", "We Shall Not Be Moved", and, "She Stood For Freedom". She has appeared on television and news programs like the "CBS Nightly News" and award-winning documentaries including "An Ordinary Hero", PBS's "Freedom Riders", "Standing on My Sister's Shoulders" and the groundbreaking film "Eyes on the Prize".

Joan Trumpauer Mulholland is a proud member of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. having crossed Gamma Psi Chapter, on April 6, 1963 at the Tougaloo College.

