Dr. Denise Chapman Montgomery, known by many as "Dr. Chapman" before her marriage to Denis Montgomery will be remembered for her passion for teaching and being a campus leader. Dr. Chapman Montgomery joined the faculty at Alabama State University (ASU) in 1998 and served as the inaugural dean of the College of Health Sciences and chair of the physical therapy program. She was a dynamic leader who paved the way for the faculty, staff, and students to become a part of something historic.

Under her leadership, Alabama State University became the first and only public HBCU in the state of Alabama to have accredited Health Information Management, Occupational Therapy, and Physical Therapy programs. Dr. Chapman Montgomery was a member of several national organizations, including the American Physical Therapy Association, the American Academy of Physical Therapy, the National Society of Allied Health, and the National Phi Delta Kappa Sorority. Dr. Chapman Montgomery retired due to health problems in 2012 and the ASU Board of Trustees named her "Dean Emerita" of the ASU College of Health Sciences and renamed the College's auditorium/lecture hall in her honor.