

PIEDMONT ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION HALL OF FAME

PROGRAMME

TWELFTH ANNUAL BANQUET AND INDUCTION CEREMONY *Saturday, March 24, 2007*

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| The Occasion | Mr. Ernest Hamilton, Esq. <i>Greenville, S.C. Beck High School</i> |
| Past Inductees Parade | |
| Introduction of MC | Mr. Richard Dawkins |
| Saxophone Instrumental | Donnevan Parks <i>Senior-Eastside High</i> |

Grace

DINNER

Association Life Member

PRESENTATION OF INDUCTEES

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| The Great & Legendary Beck High School Panthers | Mr. Harry Walker Mr. Lurain Yarbrough |
| The Great & Legendary Washington High School Falcons | Mr. Leroy Lewis Mrs. Shirley Faye Fowler Wilson |
| The Great & Legendary Lincoln High School Rattlers | Mrs. Doris Heard Fowler Mrs. Elizabeth Benett Smith |
| The Great & Legendary Bryson High School Hurricanes | Mr. William Dacus Brown Mr. Willie Marion Chandler |
| The Mighty Great & Legendary Sterling High School Tigers | Mr. Walter L. Williams Mr. Rudolph Atkins Mr. Robert Lewis Dixon |

Good Night and Thanks for Coming

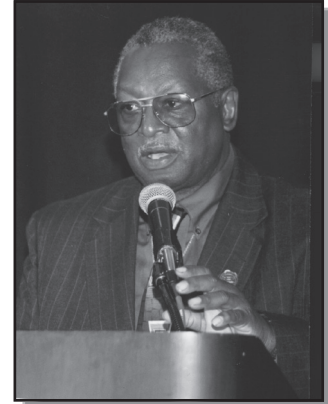
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From the **Executive Director of the Association**

March 2007

Dear Friends:

On behalf of the Board of Directors, I welcome you to the Piedmont Athletic Association's Twelfth Annual Hall of Fame Banquet and Induction Ceremonies.



The expressed purpose of the Hall of Fame is to honor those males and females who, by their accomplishments in and service to high school sports, bring honor to Greenville County, to South Carolina, and to the nation. I am sure you will agree that we fulfilled our purpose with this evening's group of 11 inductees from the former Beck, Bryson, Lincoln, Sterling, and Washington High Schools of Greenville County. Also a special recognition presentation.

We ask you to join us in congratulating this outstanding group of athletes and sports administrators who have played major roles in developing positive images for today's students. Our inductees have brought fame and honor to themselves, their families, and their high schools.

The Board of Director thanks you for joining us for this induction ceremony, and we hope your evening with us will be an enjoyable and memorable one.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Emanuel Sullivan".

Emanuel Sullivan
Executive Director

SPECIAL RECOGNITION



Brenda Bruton Cox "Buckwheat"

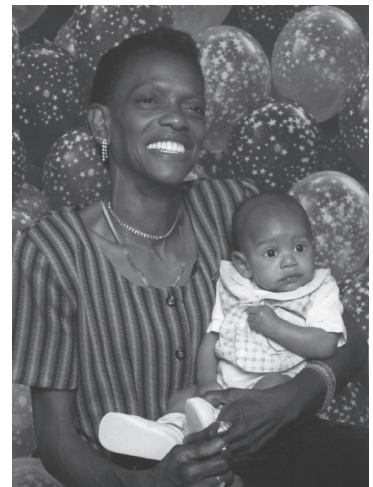


Brenda "Buckwheat" Brut-on Cox is the daughter of the late Annie Mae Bruton. She is a native of Greer, South Carolina and presently resides in Easley, South Carolina.

Brenda is a 1967 graduate of Lincoln High School, Taylors South Carolina where she participated in many activities such as Track, Girls Basketball team and the Lincoln High marching band. Brenda was a tremendous athlete in track where she set many records and was often called, "The White Ghost"; because when she participated in a track event she always wore all white and was amazingly fast. Brenda competed in the Upper State Track Championship in 1965 and set a new record for the 50 yard dash and to this day that record has never been broken.

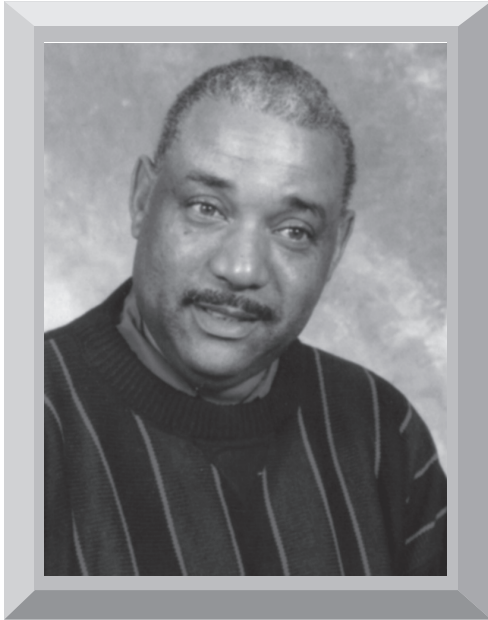
Following her years at Lincoln Brenda continued to live in the Greer area where she worked for Homelite Textron and later for Harvard Industries. She is the mother of four children, Loretta Cox, the late Eric "Mack" Cox, Willie Cox and Monica Cox.

Brenda was always athletic. She continued to show her athletic ability in the community through the years by playing for her church softball team at Maple Creek Baptist Church and for the Homelite women's softball team. Brenda later decided to use her athletic ability in another form by doing Karate, Tae Kwon Doe style. Tae Kwon Doe proved to be a rewarding experience. She worked her way all the way to a 3rd degree black belt. Brenda competed in many karate competitions across the upstate never losing a match. Through the grace of God Brenda continued to share her talents by coaching softball and teaching the techniques of Karate. She feels this is indeed an honor to be recognized by the Piedmont Athletic Association.



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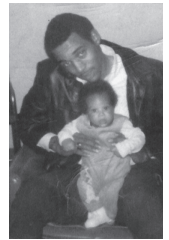
LURAIN YARBROUGH, JR.

“Butch”

Lurain Yarbrough Jr. is the son of Helen Yarbrough and the late Lurain Yarbrough Sr. Lurain, affectionately known as Butch is the oldest of five children.

Lurain attended Sullivan Street elementary school and later graduated from J. E. Beck High School in 1968. While attending Beck he was a member of student council and a member of the basketball and football teams.

After graduation he married his High School sweetheart, the late Betty J. (Pepper) Yarbrough. To this union were born two children a son, Lurain Yarbrough III and a daughter Stephanie Yarbrough. Lurain has two beautiful granddaughters Milana and Zayla Yarbrough.



In July 1969 he enlisted in the United States Air Force. For the next twenty-three years he served his country with tours of duty traveling from the U.S to Europe and back again.



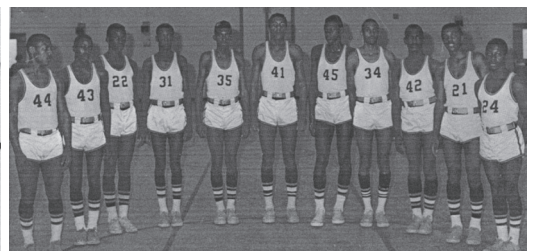
The “light of Masonary” was received by Grand Inspector General Yarbrough in the year of 1980. He initiated, passed, and raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason in Robert B. Croxton Lodge 1280 in Aviano Italy. His outstanding proficiency and superior leadership earned him the highest office within ancient craft masonry, that of Worshipful Master. He has also served as Junior and Senior Deacons, Junior and Senior Wardens, Worthy Patron, Most Wise, and Commander and Chief. He obtained the last and highest degree of masonry, the Thirty-Third Degree, in October 1989 in New Orleans, Louisiana.



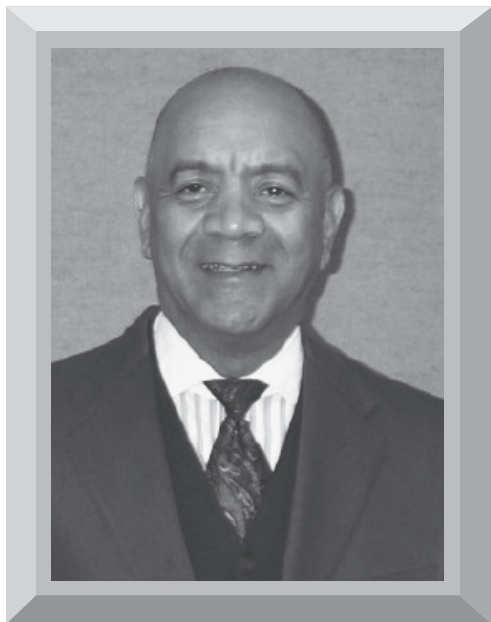
In 1992 Lurain went to work for U. S. customs at the Honolulu Airport. In 1995 he began working for the U.S. postal service. By 1996 he transferred back home to Greenville SC. In 1999 he married Deborah Carter. Since retiring from the U.S. postal service in May of 2005 Lurain has been active in his community and church. Lurain Yarbrough Jr. is a member of Long Branch Baptist Church and a member of the all male chorus. His hobbies include hunting, fishing and golfing.



GOD IS GOOD.



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HARRY WALKER

Harry Walker is a 1968 graduate of Joseph E. Beck High School. While attending Beck, Harry lettered in football and was very active in all aspects of high school life. He was a member and officer in various clubs and organizations to include: the National Honor Society, Who's Who in American High Schools, president of the junior class and student government vice president. He was the valedictorian of his graduating class.

After graduating from Beck, Harry attended the University of South Carolina where he received his B. A. Degree in Political Science in 1972 and a Masters Degree in Public Administration in 1974. While attending USC, Harry was very involved in the university community. He was president of the Afro American Students Association, a founding member of the Zeta Epsilon Chapter of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity and was selected to be included in Who's Who in American Colleges and Universities. In 1971, Harry was elected, in a landslide victory, to the office of President of the Student Body. He holds the distinction of being the first African American, in history, to hold that title at a major university in the Deep South.

Harry has been employed by the IBM Corporation for more than thirty years and is currently the Client Executive for IBM's Public Sector relationship with state and local governments in South Carolina. In that capacity he is responsible for developing and implementing the strategic and tactical plans for achieving IBM's revenue and customer satisfaction objectives. He leads a team of Information Technology professionals in the execution of those plans to profitably provide solutions to client problems with high customer satisfaction feedback.

Prior to joining IBM, Harry worked three years in higher education at Alien University in Columbia, S.C. He was the Assistant Director of the Child Development Associates Program; Political Science Instructor; and Director of the Cooperative Education Program.

Harry always been active in his community where he has served on numerous boards and commissions. He coached underprivileged boys in the Columbia YMCA Youth Soccer League for three years and served as an assistant coach for girls AAU basketball for four years. His thirty plus years of service to IBM and the State of South Carolina was recognized by a Resolution from the Senate of the State of South Carolina in June 2006.

Harry is an active member of Francis Burns United Methodist Church in Columbia, S.C. He is married to Ernestine Sitton Walker and they have two daughters, Breon and Meghan.



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WILLIAM DACUS BROWN

Dacus was born and reared in the Fountain Inn and Simpsonville communities. He is the second oldest of 12 children born to Odell Brown (deceased) and Jannie Putman Brown. He attended Fountain Inn Elementary School and graduated from Bryson High School in 1958. At Bryson, he excelled in football playing right guard. Because of his speed on the field, the coach had him wear a gold helmet so he could keep track of him.

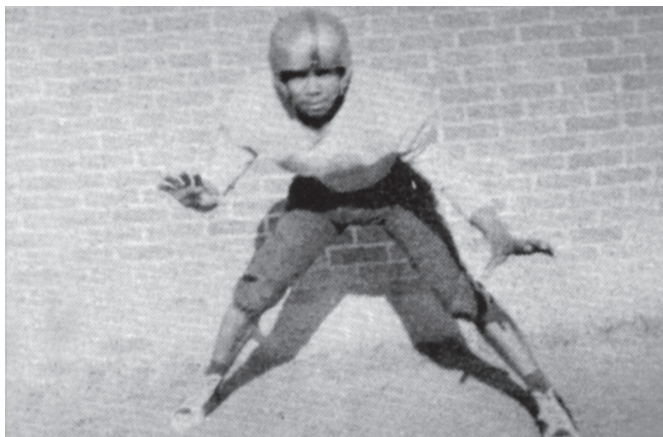


After graduation, Dacus met and married his soul mate, Leiar Barksdale. They have been married for 45 years

and had two children Rev, Barbara Byrd (deceased) and Dacus, Jr. They have three grandchildren, Nisha, Neil and Steve and one great grandchild.

For years, Dacus and Leiar opened and operated their own business, “Brown’s Upholstery”. He worked for Michelin Tire Company for 17 years until he retired in 2004. He continues to use his talents in the community by driving a Transportation Service Van.

Dacus hobbies include traveling and driving his motorcycle. He enjoys remodeling his cars and motorcycle. Dacus is currently a member of Bethlehem Baptist Church under the pastorate of Rev, Phillip Baldwin. He love to read and study the Bible and enjoy discussing it with others. Dacus try to live by the Golden Rule “Do Unto Others As You Would Have Them Do Unto You”.



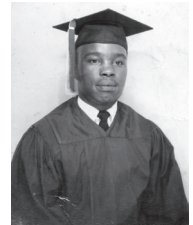
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WALTER LEE WILLIAMS

“Hawk”



Walter is the son of the late Walter Sr. and Clara Roper Williams. He is a 1952 Graduate of Sterling High School where he played football from 1949-1952. He was a member of the South Carolina State Championship team of 1950. Sterling didn't have a baseball team so at age 16 he played basketball for the Greenville Black Spinners. He also had an offer to try out with Birmingham Black Barons. He had a four year scholarship to attend Benedict College.

Walter served 3 years in the United States Army. During this time he married the former Mary Lee Prince. They had 5 children,

Beverly, Sybil, James, Sharon and Darilus, 13 grandchildren and 9 great grands and counting. They have been married for 53 years.

Walter worked for Gaylord Box Co. for 35 years. During this time he attended Greenville Technical College of Business Adm. After 15 years at Gaylord Box Co. he became 3rd shift supervisor before retiring.

Walter loves sports, fishing and watching t.v. He is a Deacon at Faith Tabernacle Baptist Church and sings on the male choir.



SPLIT-T MACHINE. Charleston Thursday night in Sirrine Stadium and right behind him in Walter Williams and at Granger).

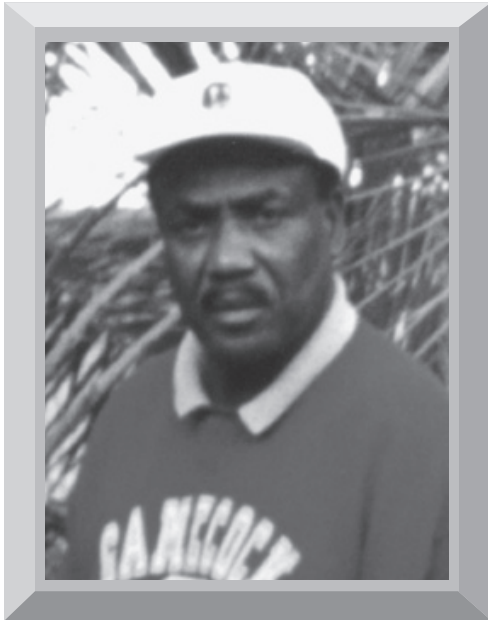
This is the split-T back member. At left is right is left Halfba

l of Sterling High's Tigers who meet Burke High of the annual renewal of the Lions Bowl game. The center quarterback slot is Oscar Clinkscales, one of the right Halfback Fargers Turner, in the center is Fullback Alfred Carter.—(Piedmont Sports Photo by Bennie



S.C. STATE CHAMPIONS - 1950

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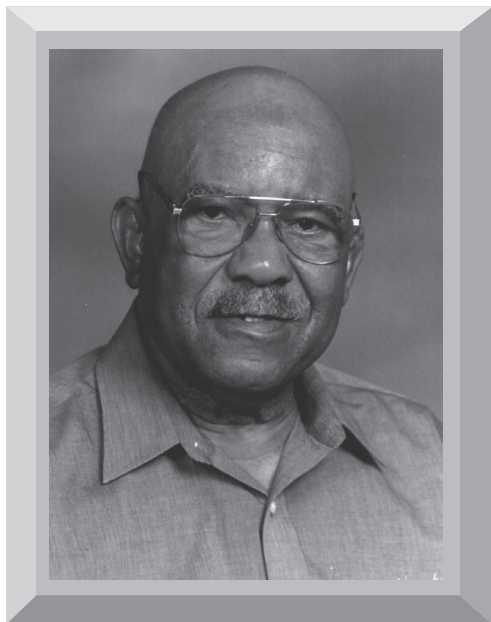
RUDOLPH ATKINS

Rudolph Atkins played football and basketball in the years 1956 and 1957. He played on the 1957 championship football team and scored nine touchdowns during the championship season. During his senior year he lettered in baseball, basketball and football. He was also awarded the best sportsmanship award for the 1957 championship team.

Rudolph attended Allen University for one year where he played baseball.



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ROBERT LEWIS DIXON “Spunk”

Robert Lewis Dixon is a 1942 graduate of Sterling High School. While attending Sterling he lettered in football 2 years. He was tailback/quarterback from 1939 to 1941 and was team captain during the 1941-42 season. His running, passing and kicking skills made him a triple threat.

Following high school Robert spent 2 years boxing for the U.S. Navy in Tiburon, California.

He is active in the community and was the Little League Baseball Manager for 5 years in Detroit, Michigan in the Babe Ruth League.

Robert played under D.J. Linhart and Giles Edward, Coach Boozer at Hawton-Brockman. Some of his teammates included Joe Mathis, Floyd Dean Chapman, Wash Kern, C. Renrick, William Warren, Frank Hill, Sammy Young, Claude (Babe) Smith, Frank Mayes, Henry Kern, Ebb Blackman, Barney Ried and Bill Heard.



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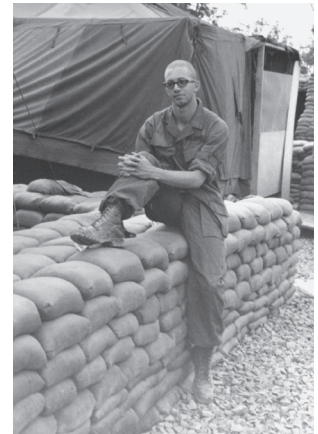
LEROY LEWIS

“Skeeter”

Leroy is the only child born to Leo Lewis and the late Ethel Goldsmith Lewis. Leroy, known to many of his friends and relatives as Skeeter, graduated from Washington High School in 1964. While attending high school, he was very active on the basketball team as center and guard.

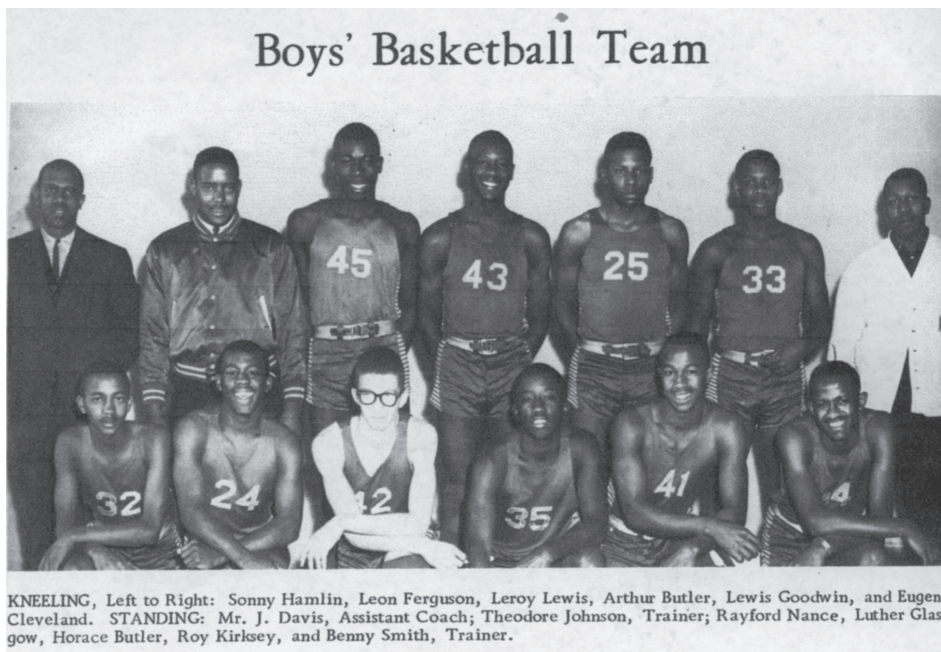
After graduating from high School, he entered Voorhees College in Denmark, SC, where he obtained a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Social

Studies in June 1968, In August 1968, he was drafted into the United States Army where he served in the Vietnam War. Upon completing his military duties, Leroy married Lillie Mac Goodman. They have two daughters, Nerissa and Cestine; one granddaughter, Ciera.



Leroy continued his education by matriculating to Clemson University where he received a Masters of Education in Student Personnel Services in 1975. Leroy was employed by the

Phillis Wheatley Center for two years as a Youth Director. He retired from the Greenville County School District after 34 years of service in various positions (attendance / social worker, administrative assistant to the area assistant superintendent, and Director of Operations and Maintenance). He resides with his family at 220 Libby Lane in Mauldin, SC.



Boys' Basketball Team
 KNEELING, Left to Right: Sonny Hamlin, Leon Ferguson, Leroy Lewis, Arthur Butler, Lewis Goodwin, and Eugene Cleveland. STANDING: Mr. J. Davis, Assistant Coach; Theodore Johnson, Trainer; Rayford Nance, Luther Glasgow, Horace Butler, Roy Kirksey, and Benny Smith, Trainer.

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SHIRLEY "FAYE" FOWLER WILSON *"Faye"*



Shirley "Faye" Fowler Wilson was born and raised in Greenville, SC. She is the sixth born child of nine children. She has always been an outgoing and a competitive person. She graduated from Washington High School in 1968. As a Falcon she was a member of the basketball team with an average score of twenty points per game, four steals, and five assists. She received trophy's, letters, certificates, and was voted as the most valuable player and for scoring the most points. She was co-captain and captain of the basketball team during her sophomore, junior, and senior year in High School.

She was also a cheerleader, majorette, member of the track team, and member of the dance group where she helped choreograph the routines. She was also a member of Block W, Speech Club, Washington Staff, Industrial Arts Club, F.B.L.A. and The Y.W.I. Club. Her senior year she was voted as Who's Who fairest seniors of all.



After graduating from High School she attended Greenville Technical College.



Shirley is married to Jimmy Wilson and the proud parent of two daughters (Caprice Paden & Terika Wilson) and one son (Jamal Wilson). She also has two grandchildren (Porsha & Aniyah Paden) and one son in law (Michael Paden) She loves spending time with her family and working with children.

Shirley is a member of the Mount Sinai Baptist Church in Travelers Rest, S.C She thanks God everyday for blessing her with wonderful parents (the late Mr & Mrs James and Gladys Fowler) and a wonderful family.



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ELIZABETH BENNETT SMITH "Sarah"

Elizabeth (Sarah) Bennett Smith was born and reared in Taylors S.C. and attended Taylors Elementary School. Her parents decided that she should follow in her older brothers and sisters footsteps and attend Sterling High School her freshman year because the high school in their area was not an accredited one.



SENIOR PROM

In 1955, when the black schools were consolidated, Sarah attended Lincoln High School and graduated in 1958. She was voted by her class as the female student who was "most likely to succeed". While at Lincoln, she was treasurer of The Future Teachers of America, Advertising manager of the yearbook staff, a cheerleader and a member of the basketball team under Ms. Heard. Sarah played guard and was nick named Sputnik (because of her ability to jump high and block shots) by



GRADUATION

Mr. Hartman. She led the team in block shots in 1958 when the team won all conference.

After graduating from Lincoln, Sarah attended Morris Brown College in Atlanta, Ga. and joined Zeta Phi Beta Sorority. Earning a B.S. degree in Elementary Education she began her teaching career in Myrtle Beach S.C. After one year in Myrtle Beach, she moved to Las Vegas, Nev. and accepted a teaching job at Madison Elementary School.

Sarah met and married Ray C. Smith in 1965. In 1968 they moved to San Jose, Ca. This is where their three sons were born (Ray Jr. Reggie and Ryan) Reggie had the same love for the game of basketball as his mother and was drafted to the NBA in 1992 and played for the Portland Trail Blazers.



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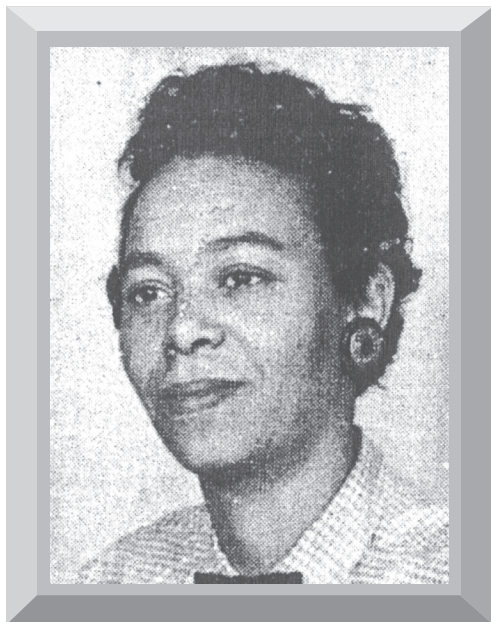
In 1990 Sarah received a degree in special Education from San Jose State University and began teaching Learning Handicapped Children in Alum Rock School District and still holds that position.

Sarah has two grandchildren (R.J., and Saraya) and is thankful for her family and friends. It is an honor for Sarah to be selected to the Piedmont Athletic Association Hall of Fame and she will cherish this day forever.



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DORIS TURNER HEARD FOWLER

Doris Turner Heard Fowler is the oldest of eight (8) children born to the late Charles W. Turner and Myrtle Bass Turner, of Inman, South Carolina. Having five brothers as her only playmates for many years before her two sisters were born, her interest in sports was molded and inspired early in life.



Her early education began in Spartanburg County Schools where she attended The Shady Grove Elementary School (1st - 8th grades) and The Spartanburg County Training School (9 - 11th grades). She graduated one year before the 12th grade graduation requirement was added.

Upon high school graduation, Doris began her undergraduate studies as an "Aggie" at The Agricultural and Technical College, in Greensboro/ NtC., now known as "A&T University". She graduated four years later and received her Bachelors of Arts Degree, with a major in Health and Physical Education and a Minor in Science.

Her first employment was as an elementary school teacher at The Grambling Elementary School, in Grambling, SC. This was a two-teacher school, where she was one teacher and her mother was the other. Her mother was also the principal of the school* To her, this was a great, and a one of a lifetime opportunity—to be introduced to instruction, organization, and administration—all, at the same time! What an awesome first year experience! She had a wonderful role model with her all the time* She helped her learned more than she ever expected. Her mother insisted that she continue to work toward placement in her major area, and assisted her in getting the proper training each year, after the regular school year was over.

Doris began to further her education during the Summer breaks. She attended Wayne University, in Detroit, Michigan, and earned a degree in Choreography (the dance). These studies taught her how to integrate the principles of physical education and the techniques of dance to produce interpretative physical expressions, set to music.



During these times, schools felt there was no need for physical education or athletic programs, but how wrong they were! In 1955/ she was called to The Greenville County School District's Superintendent office/ Mr.Holiday, who conducted an interview* Following the interview, he hired her to teach Health and Physical Education at the newly constructed Lincoln High School, in Taylors, S.C* Her first task was selecting all the equipment and supplies to complete this beautiful new facility. Satisfying all of her specifications and expressions of need. The District Supervisor of Physical Education, assisted her in filling the facility with all new, state of the art equipment to implement and develop her total athletic program. During her tenure at Lincoln High School, her program was a huge success! Her basketball team defeated Bryson High School to become Champions; her dance team excelled in ballet, modern jazz/ and tapp, and exhibited their talents during yearly recitals; the gymnastics team, Volleyball team, cheerleading squad and the Physical Education Club were all successful. Doris' enthusiasm, commitment, dedication, and her love for her students, made all of her programs popular choices for her students Her classes were always filled with excited, inspired, and enthusiastic students who had the full support of the parents for the students/ the programs/ and for Doris,



Although her time at Lincoln High School was very gratifying and professionally fulfilling, it ended after three years, when Doris left at the end of the school year in 1958 to become Mrs, William Fowler, Jr. After the July 4th wedding, she moved to Philadelphia, Pa.

After the move, she connected with The Philadelphia School System and was assigned to Robert Vaux Jr. High School, where she continued her work in Health and Physical Education. She, also continued to advance in her studies by enrolling in classes at Antioch University, in Philadelphia, Pa. However, this time the emphasis was not on Physical Education, but rather Administration and Organization* She earned a Master's Degree, but chose to continue her work in Health and Physical Education and performed other duties at various levels. She became Chairperson for Health and Physical Education and was in charge of all sports extra-curricular activities* She was Dean of Students, School Disciplinarian, and Assistant to the Principal, in his absence. Her duties were many and varied and she performed them all professionally and with much dignity.

Doris remained at Vaux Jr. High until she retired in 1989, She then relocated back home in Inman, South Carolina, where she lives near many of her siblings who either worked and remained at home, or who like Doris, worked away from home and returned after retirement.



Professional Athletic Career

- Health and Physical Education Program Instructor at Lincoln High School (1955-58)
- Girls Basketball Coach
- Dance Team Instructor
- Gymnastics Instructor
- Cheerleader Squad Coach
- Girls Volleyball Coach

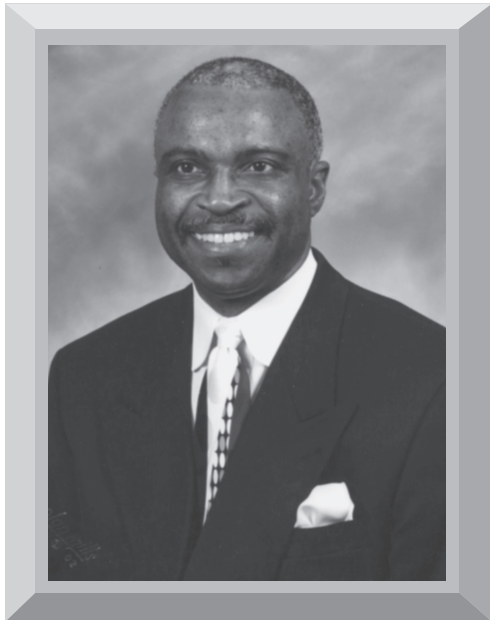
Achievements

- Girls Basketball Champions (1956-57)
- Dance Recitals (1957-58)
- Dance Team appeared on Channel 4 TV on Thursdays, 4:00pm (1957-58)



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WILLIE MARION CHANDLER "Bill"



Willie Marion Chandler was born and reared in Greenville, South Carolina. He attended Burgess Elementary School and had perfect attendance in the 5th and 7th grades. He began attending Bryson High School in 1964 and graduated 5th in his graduating class of 99 classmates. He was also voted by his classmates as "Best All Around" male. At Bryson High Willie Marion was in the Math Club, Science Club, Future Teachers of America Club, and the Honor Society Club where he served as vice president his senior year. Willie Marion played football under coach Alfred C. Duckett, J.V. basketball under coach Wendell Thompson and varsity baseball under coach Wendell Thompson. Willie Marion lettered in football and baseball. In football Willie Marion ran half back his junior year and quarterback his senior year. In baseball Willie Marion set the single season stolen base record in 1967 by stealing 25 bases. His senior year as Captain of the team he broke his previous record by stealing 32 bases and was voted the team best offensive player. Willie Marion led his team to the conference play off with a conference record of 8 wins and 2 losses.



After graduating from Bryson High in 1968 Willie Marion attended South Carolina State University and graduated with a B.S. Degree in Business Admin/Minor in Accounting. Willie Marion is currently employed by National Electrical Carbon Products a division of The Morgan Crucible Company plc with 34 years of service. Willie Marion is the Global Controller for Morgan Carbon Americas and the secretary of National Electrical Carbon Products, Inc. Board.

Willie Marion coached little league football and baseball in the Mauldin Recreation Department for eight years. Willie Marion is the chairman of the Flat Rock Missionary Baptist Church Robert Lee Chandler Scholarship Fund which supports high school students financially to further their education. Willie Marion coached the senior boys at Flat Rock Missionary Baptist and won the championship in years 2003 and 2004.

BEST ALL AROUND

Willie Marion's favorite scripture verse is "I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me".

Willie Marion has been married to Nancy Chandler for 31 years and the father of 3 children Michelle, Taveras and Yolanda. Willie Marion attends Flat Rock Missionary Baptist Church and serves as secretary of the Deacon Ministry and assistant clerk. He is a member of Holly Spring Lodge #150.



COACH ALFRED DUCKETT of Bryson High School looks on as his backfield goes through their paces. They are quarterback Willie Chandler, right half Grady Sullivan, left half Clarence Webb and fullback Jimmie Sullivan. (News-Piedmont photo)

—TEN LETTERMEN RETURN—

Bryson 'Should Be Able To Better' 4-6 Record

Board of Directors
PAA Hall of Fame Induction Committee
Greenville, S. C. 29603

Dear Board Members:

I am writing this letter on the behalf of Mr. Willie M. Chandler, a graduate of Bryson High School. I taught him Biology and he was an outstanding student who made the honor roll every year. He also won 1st place in the State Science Fair in 1966.

While at Bryson High, I was his Football, Jv Basketball, and Baseball coach. In 1967, he set a school record by stealing 25 bases and broke his own record in 1968 by stealing 32 bases. In 1968, he was the Best Offensive Player on the Baseball team.

I recommend Mr. Willie M. Chandler for induction into the PAA Hall of Fame.

Respectfully Submitted,

Rev. Wendell L. Thompson, Sr.

Rev. Wendell L. Thompson, Sr.
Former Coach & Teacher @ Bryson High School

BRYSON WINS
FOUNTAIN INN — Bryson handed Washington a 8-6 baseball defeat here Thursday as they collected 12 hits.
Grady Sullivan, David Lendhart, and Willie Chandler combined for nine hits and six rbi's for Bryson.
Wash. 300-110 1-6 5 2
Bryson .. 230-033 4-8 12 2
Goodwin and Banks; E. Sullivan, Barksdale '67 and J. Sullivan.



The PAA Story: What a Great Idea

In 1970, for the most part all of the five black high schools were closed as high schools in Greenville county. Progress in moving toward better education also left an empty place in the memories and hearts of those that grew up in that era and attended those schools.



THE FIRST CLASS

Years later the South Carolina Athletic Hall of Fame was founded in 1972. Great athletes from around the state were selected and inducted into the Hall of Fame. After a few years the question was asked...why are there not more athletes and coaches from the upstate considered for induction into the Hall of Fame? People like Bill Thompson, Ernie Brock, Coach Joe Mathis and so forth.

That question led to another question of why can't we create a hall of fame that would embrace the Upstate's athletic programs and recognize with dignity, glamour and prestige, those athletes and coaches who are so deserving?

That question became an idea. From that idea came a purpose. Alumni from Sterling, Bryson, Beck, Lincoln and Washington High were called together. From the moment anyone hear this idea and purpose, they would say that this is something great. After a number of noon day lunch meetings at the Ramada on Church Street, late night telephone conferences with many people; another meeting was held in the latter part of 1991 at Phyllis Weatley Center. A representative from each school was present.

There, at the meeting, the final question was asked and answered. What will we call this Hall of Fame that would embrace all the schools and it's area of interest. Somebody said "The Piedmont Athletic Association Hall of Fame".

The rest, as they say, is History. Clyde Mayes was made Executive Director and following the first class of inductees in 1992, Clyde spent the next two years organizing the PAA's structure and building a formulation for perpetual existence:

- Articles of incorporation and by laws
- Registration with the Secretary of State office
- Tax status under 501(C)(3)
- Creation of Hall of Fame logo, symbol and stationary
- Scholarship program guidelines and criteria

With the organization structurally in place Mr. Emanuel Sullivan became the PAA Hall of Fame second Executive Director in 1995. Emanuel added present day community sports programs to the PAA's agenda; (1) High School Basketball Player of the Week; (2) County Basketball All Star Game; (3) Membership Appreciation Night; and (4) the including of Women Athletes for induction into the Hall of Fame.



THE SECOND CLASS

Over the past 11 years seven coaches were inducted into the Hall of Fame under the Clyde Mayes administration and presently sixty nine coaches, players and supporters have been inducted under the Emanuel Sullivan administration.

Forever thankful, the PAA is mindful of the public support the people of the Upstate has given the Hall of Fame. This did turn out to be a good idea and a lot of fun.

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Brice B. Durbin
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July 23, 1992

Mr. Ernest Hamilton
Piedmont Athletic Association
Hall of Fame
P.O. Box 10672
Greenville, SC 29603

Dear Mr. Hamilton:

On behalf of the National Federation of State High School Associations and its National High School Sports Hall of Fame, we offer our congratulations to your first class of inductees into the Piedmont Athletic Association Hall of Fame.

Our congratulations to Louie Golden, Al Duckett, Thomas "Sporty" Williams, Rev. J.D. Mathis, James T. Floyd, Eddie Jones and Dewey Tullis for their accomplishments and contributions to high school coaching.

I applaud your efforts in launching the Piedmont Hall of Fame as a way of recognizing outstanding coaches and educators in Greenville County, South Carolina. I wish you the best in the years to come as you continue to salute additional worthy individuals.

If there is ever anything I can do to assist you from a national perspective, please let me know.

Sincerely yours,

Bruce L. Howard
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July 31, 1992

Mr. Eddie Jones
5 French Lane
Greenville, South Carolina 29605

Dear Mr. Jones:

I saw in the newspaper where you have been inducted into the Piedmont Athletic Association Hall of Fame. Congratulations.

I am sure you must know that your teaching and coaching career has made a difference in people's lives. Your dedication to our young people is appreciated by many folks in our area.

Best wishes to you. Please let me know if there is ever any way that I can be of assistance to you.

Cordially,

Liz Patterson
Elizabeth J. Patterson
Member of Congress

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July 17, 1992

Mr. Thomas W. Williams
1002 Diggs Avenue
Columbus, Georgia 31906

Dear Thomas:

I read with great interest your induction into the Piedmont Athletic Association Hall of Fame. It is a great honor and one I know you are extremely proud of. I would like to extend my congratulations to you for this honor and for what you have done to improve athletics in South Carolina. It is always good to recognize outstanding gentlemen and coaches for the positive input they have made on so many young people. Your guidance and leadership will never be forgotten by these athletes.

Again, congratulations for receiving this most deserved honor.

If I may ever be of service to you, please let me know.

Sincerely,

Ronnie Matthews
Ronnie Matthews
Assistant Executive Director

RM:bw



South Carolina Athletic Hall of Fame

July 31, 1992

Mr. Ernest Hamilton
Piedmont Athletic Association
Hall of Fame
P. O. Box 10672
Greenville, SC 29603

Dear Mr. Hamilton:

We would like to congratulate the inductees recently inducted into the Piedmont Athletic Association Hall of Fame. It is indeed a tremendous honor to be recognized for accomplishments in sports and the many contributions these individuals have made to the State of South Carolina.

Sincerely,

Grant Bennett
Grant Bennett
President

GB/tj

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➤ SCHOLARSHIP AWARD ➤

The Scholarship Award is set up to fill a needed void between the good high school players who played a big supporting role in most cases for their gifted teammates that get the full scholarships to colleges. Secondly, this type of grant encourages high school students to participate in athletics, to excel in class, to go to college. This unique scholarship awards athletic performance and class work. The criteria is that a student must have earned two letters in one or a single letter in a combination of two or more varsity sports and did not get a full scholarship, yet did enroll in a college after high school.

Funds for the scholarship award program are set aside yearly by the Board of Directors from our different fundraisers... ie, donations, membership dues, Senior Showcase Games proceeds and Banquet proceeds of the PAA's General fund. As can be expected, the number and amount of the awards are made possible by the availability of funds. To date the PAA scholarship award program has awarded over \$70,000.00 to Greenville county students. For the most part, most of the students enrolled into instate colleges.

2006 Scholarship Recipients



Morgan Rae McCain



Dear members of the Piedmont Athletic Association,
Thank you so much for the scholarship money! It is an honor to be a recipient of the Piedmont Athletic Association Hall of Fame. I plan to use the money towards books at Winthrop University. I enjoyed the breakfast at Waffle House and getting to meet Mr. Seal, Mr. Hamilton, and other recipients. Thanks again.
Sincerely, Morgan McCain

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SCHOLARSHIP AWARD

| | | | | |
|-----------------------|----------------------------|---------------------------------|-----------------------|----------------------------|
| | 1996 | | | 2002 |
| Corey Boggin | Riverside High School | Greenville Tec. College | David Gibson | Southside High School |
| | | | Edward Strange | Travelers Rest High School |
| | 1997 | | Maurice Brockington | Riverside High School |
| Terry Young | Travelers Rest High School | Benedict College | Nakisha Bennett | Greenville High School |
| | | | Travis Irby | Hillcrest High School |
| | 1998 | | Tivarius Thompson | Berea High School |
| William C. Staggs | Blue Ridge High School | USC-Spartanburg | Timothy Carson | Riverside High School |
| LaShanda Maxwell | Carolina High School | Denmark Tec. College | Jarvis Robinson | Southside High School |
| Andre' D. Brantley | Wade Hampton High School | Benedict College | Martin Vernon | Carolina High School |
| | | | John Lawton | Travelers Rest High School |
| | 1999 | | Travis Hawthorne | Mauldin High School |
| Christopher H. Harvey | Blue Ridge High School | North Greenville College | Kimberly Jamieson | Eastside High School |
| Lakia N. Griffin | Greer High School | USC-Spartanburg | Brandon Thomason | Woodmont High School |
| Adrian M. Harris | Hillcrest High School | Newberry College | Michael Brockman, Jr. | Woodmont High School |
| Lynatte N. Jackson | Travelers Rest High School | Charleston Southern Uni. | Princess Putman | Hillcrest High School |
| Maya N. Grady | Greer High School | Lenior-Rhyne College | | |
| Latonya N. Davis | Hillcrest High School | Berea College | | |
| Michilla L. Jackson | Carolina High School | Anderson College | | |
| | | | | 2003 |
| | 2000 | | Brittany Whitaker | Blue Ridge High School |
| Roderick Henderson | J.L. Mann High School | Wingate College | Julian Swinger | Carolina High School |
| Charles Clark | Southside High School | Spartanburg Methodist College | Koyett Miles | Southside High School |
| John Phelps | Hillcrest High School | Voorhees College | Zachary Grant | Eastside High School |
| Erie Williams | Greer High School | Wingate College | Victor Duck | Eastside High School |
| Craig Johnson | Greer High School | Greenville Tec. College | Bobby Downs | J.L. Mann High School |
| Barney Jackson | Berea High School | Pikeville College | Travis Morris | Berea High School |
| David Little | Wade Hampton High School | North Greenville College | Jonathon Jackson | Hillcrest High School |
| Demetrius Pepper | Greenville High School | Morris College | Margaret Williams | Blue Ridge High School |
| Kevin Allen | Carolina High School | Mars Hill College | Brandon Williams | Southside High School |
| Karen Hunt | Southside High School | Hiwassee College | Lisa Jackson | Riverside High School |
| La'trese Davis | Hillcrest High School | Spartanburg Methodist College | | |
| C.W. Bankhead | Mauldin High School | Spartanburg Methodist College | Antoine Freeman | 2004 |
| Natasha Morgan | Hillcrest High School | Johnson C. Smith University | Chinessia Lee | Allen University |
| Autumn Skelton | Greenville High School | Francis Marion College | Jonathan Jones | Lander University |
| Mathew Chasteen | Woodmont High School | Pfeiffer College | Tiffany T. Jones | S.C. State |
| Veronica Thompson | Hillcrest High School | Johnson C. Smith University | Kelly Westermeier | Limestone College |
| | | | Benjamin Bailly | Clemson University |
| | | | | North Greenville College |
| | 2001 | | | |
| Charlena Martin | Berea High School | Walter State Community College | | 2005 |
| Samuel Mattison | Wade Hampton High School | Brevard College | Amanda McKinney | Southside High School |
| Charity Williams | Greer High School | Winthrop University | Arthur Sitton | Greer High School |
| Clayton Smith | Woodmont High School | North Greenville College | | |
| Tiffany Jones | Hillcrest High School | University of South Carolina | | |
| Jamario Twitty | Berea High School | Clemson University | | |
| Brandon Smith | Wade Hampton High School | University of South Carolina | | |
| Rodney Taylor | Carolina High School | South Carolina State University | | |
| Jauron Martin | Woodmont High School | Berea College | | |
| Stacey Mars | Woodmont High School | Erskine College | | |
| Danielle Welborn | Mauldin High School | North Greenville College | | |
| Lakita Backum | Southside High School | Greensboro College | | |
| Melissa Griffin | Greenville High School | Greenville Technical College | | |
| Herbert Brooks Jr. | Southside High School | East Tennessee State University | | |
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| Jada Blakely | Carolina High School | South Carolina State University | | |
| Jada Sullivan | Hillcrest High School | U.S.C. Spartanburg | | |
| Crystal Pyles | Hillcrest High School | U.S.C. Spartanburg | | |
| Barry Wilder | Eastside High School | University of South Carolina | | |
| Darin Jenkins | Carolina High School | Johnson C. Smith University | | |
| Ryan Hamilton | J.L. Mann High School | Wake Forrest University | | |
| Erie Williams | Greer High School | Wingate University | | |
| | | | | 2006 |
| | | | Nakiy Gardner | Southside High School |
| | | | Jonathan Lee | Carolina High School |
| | | | Morgan McCain | Mauldin High School |
| | | | Jarvis Pickering | Southside High School |
| | | | Shadae Thompson | Greenville High School |

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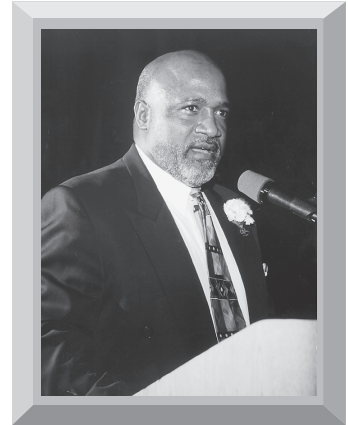
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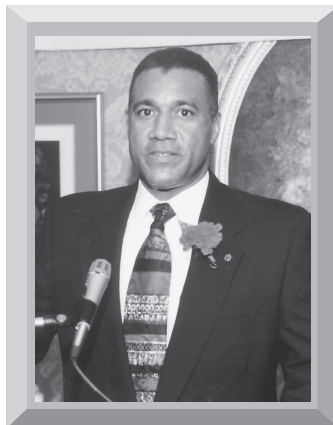
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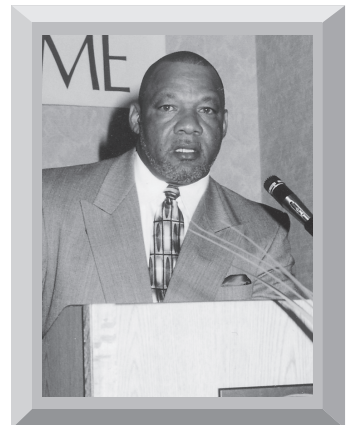
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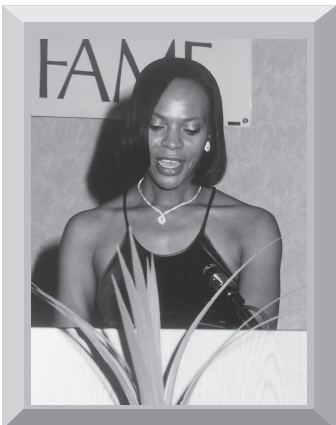
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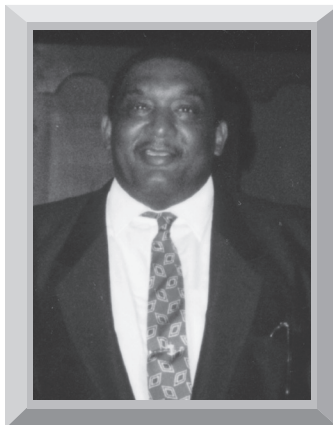
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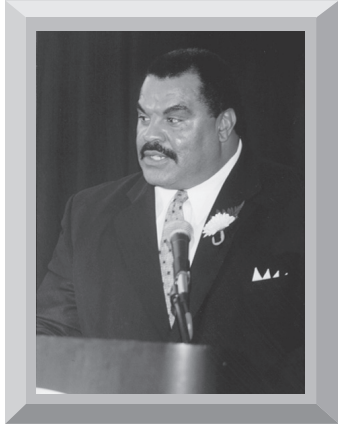
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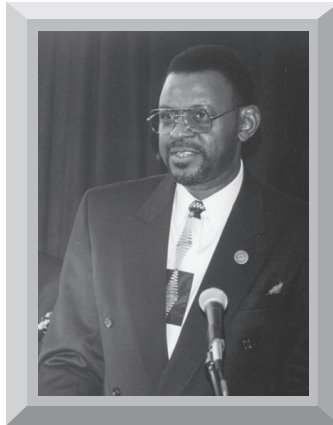
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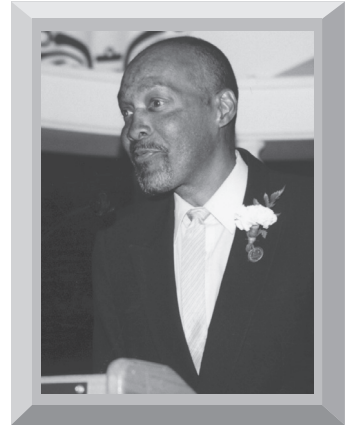
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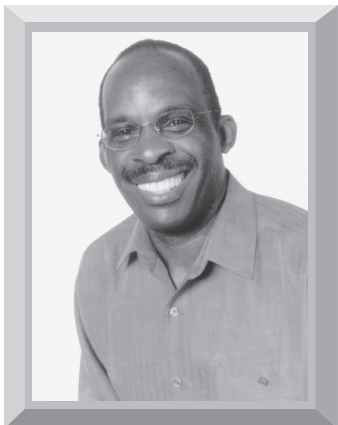
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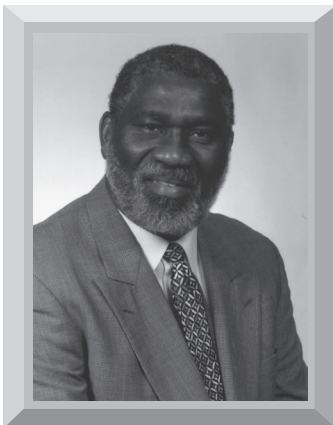
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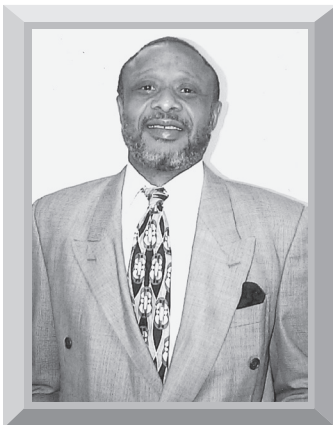
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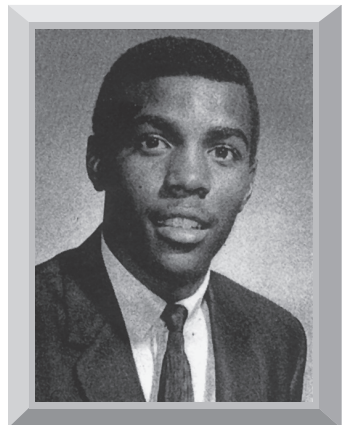
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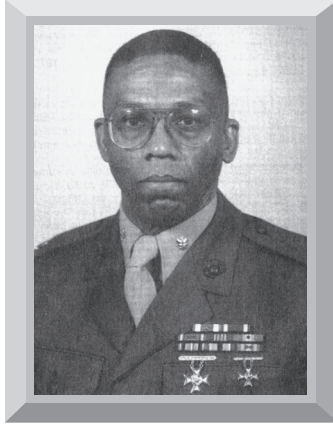
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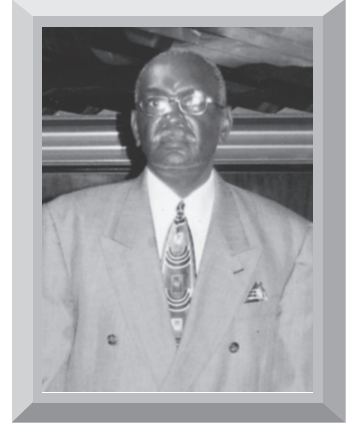
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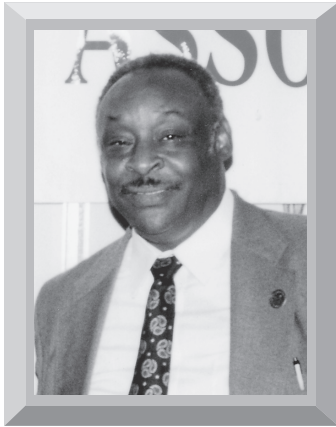


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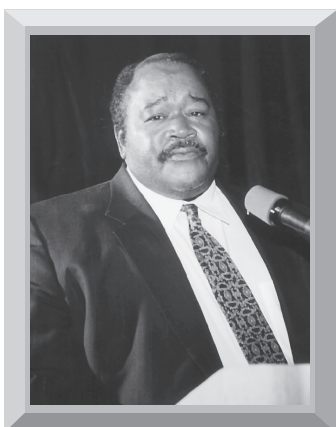
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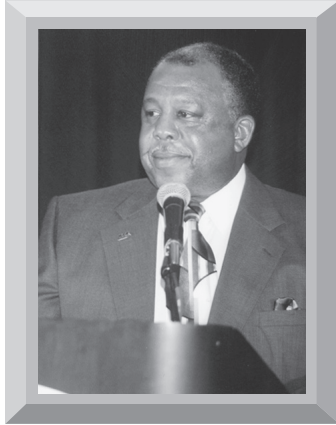
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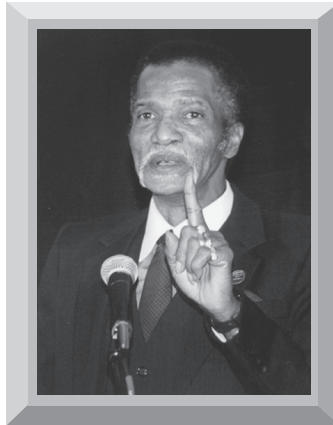
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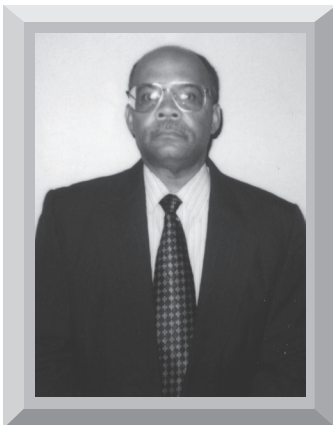
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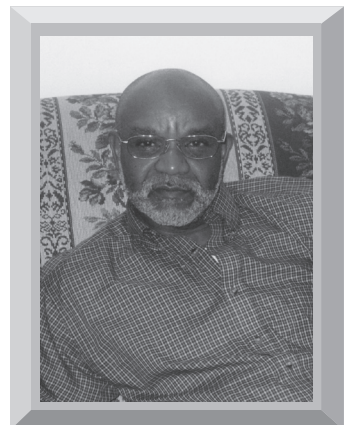
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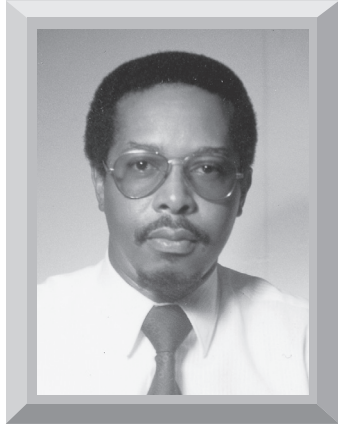
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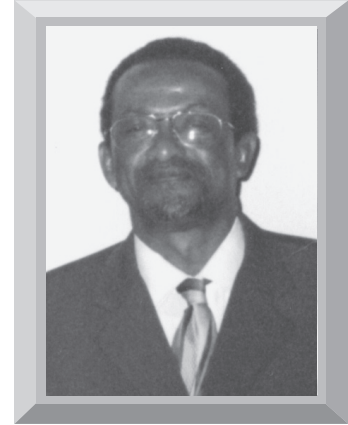
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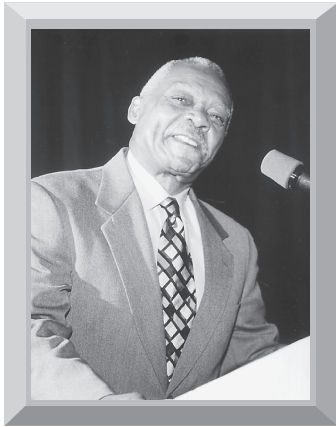


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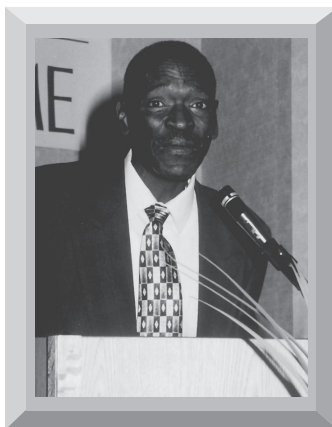
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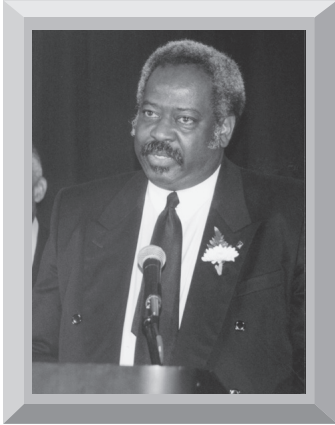
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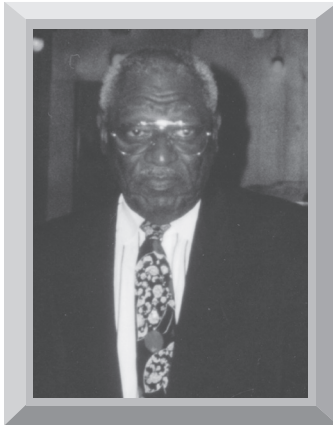
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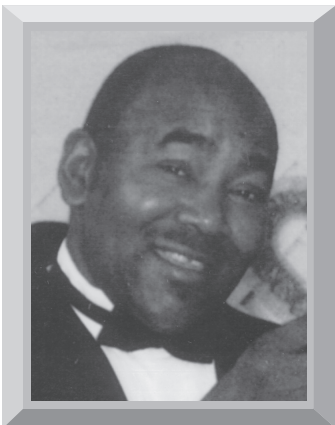
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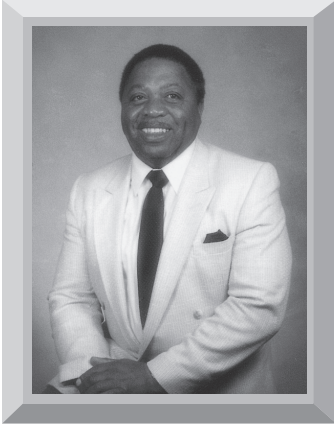
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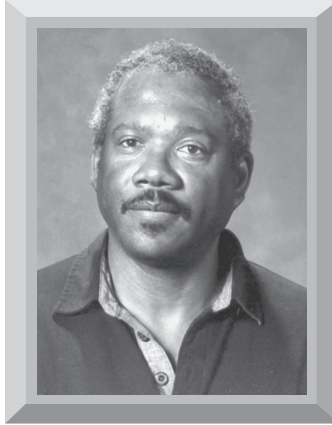
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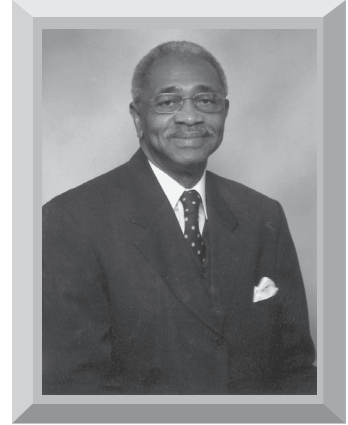
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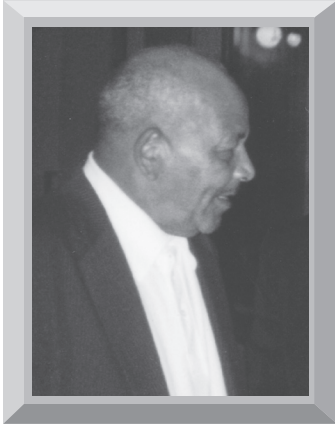


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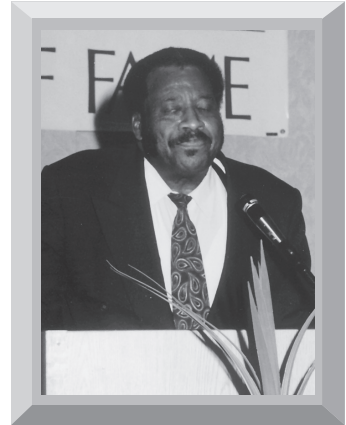
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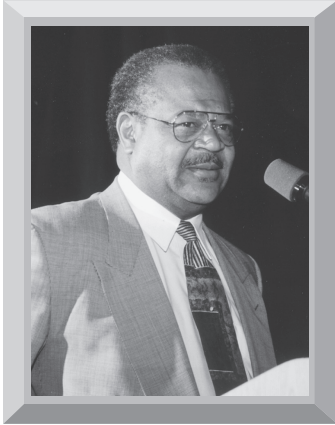
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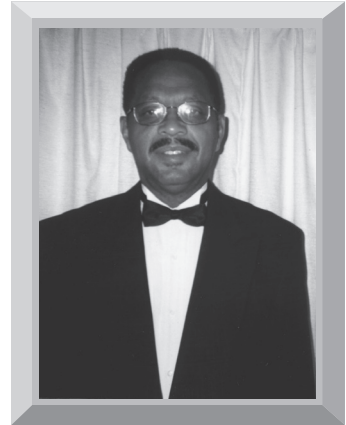
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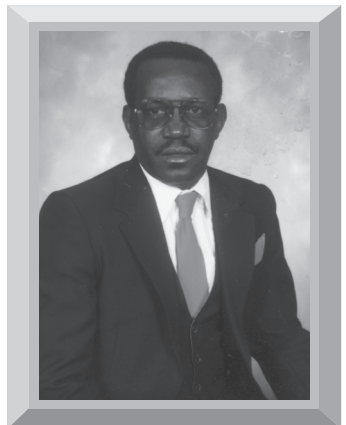
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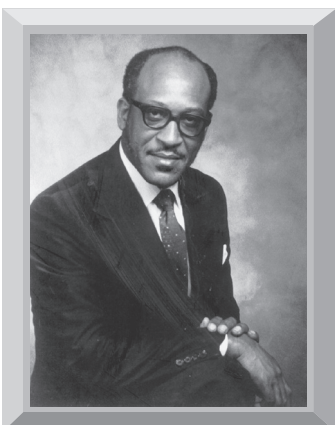
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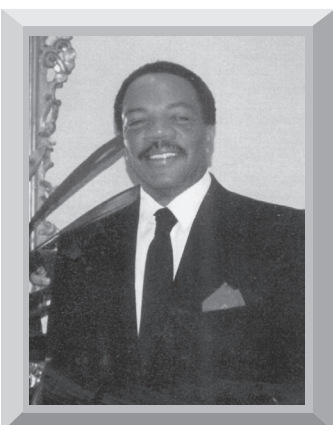
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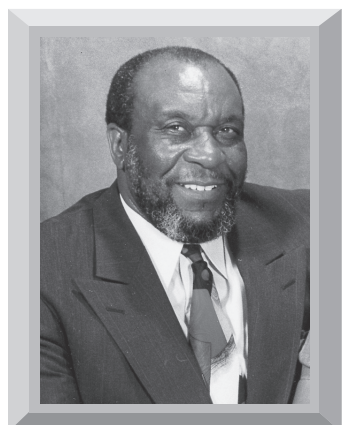
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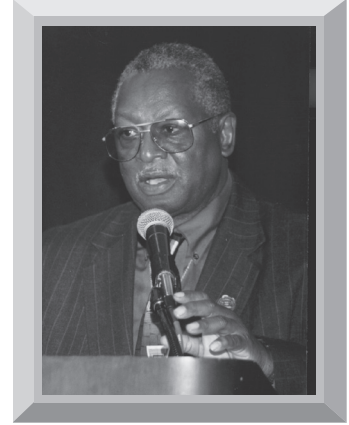
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DAVID SHARPERSON



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BRYSON HIGH SCHOOL



1991-2003 INDUCTEES



PREVIOUS INDUCTEES

of
The Great and Legendary
STERLING HIGH SCHOOL
Est. 1896

The former High School was destroyed by fire in 1967 and moved to the old Greenville Junior High building until 1970. The original Gym still stands and is regularly used today for all types of community activities and games

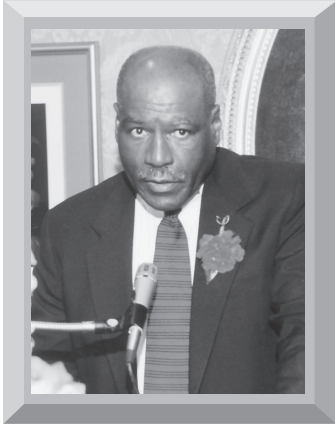
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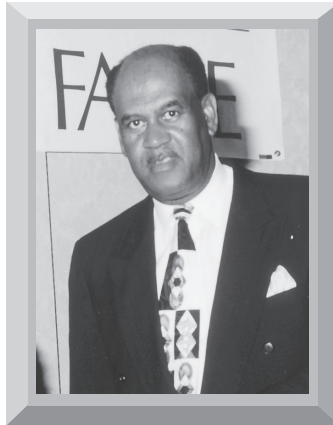
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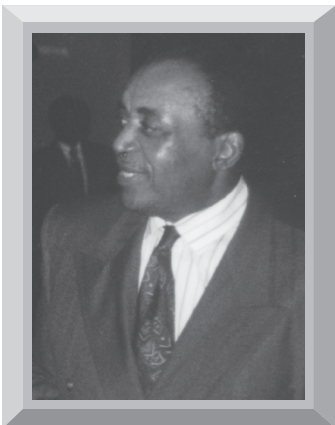
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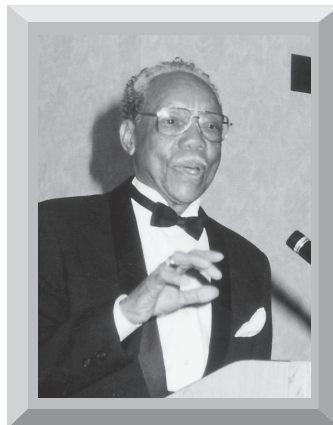
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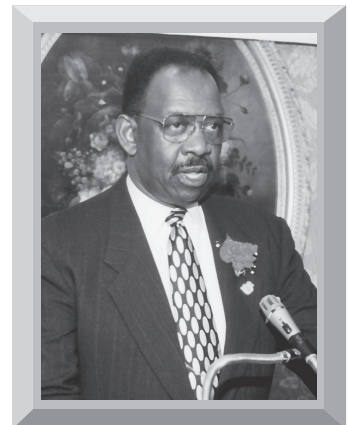
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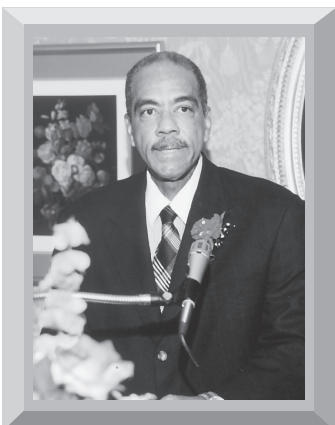
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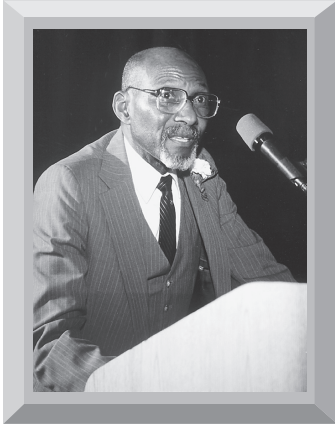
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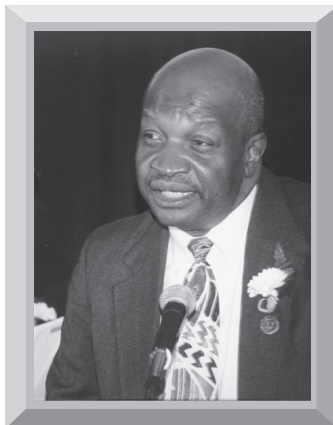
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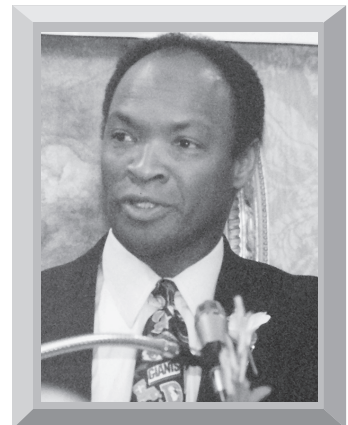
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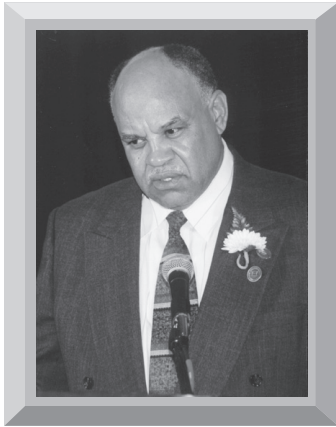
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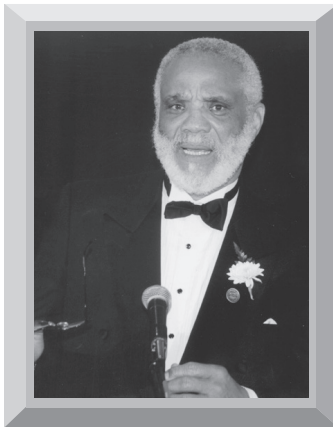
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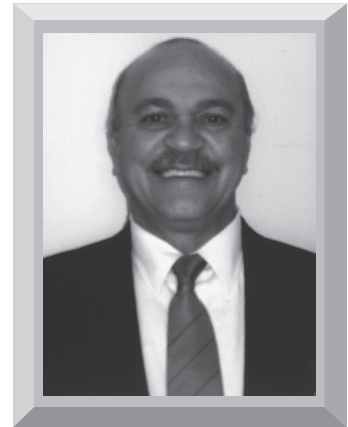
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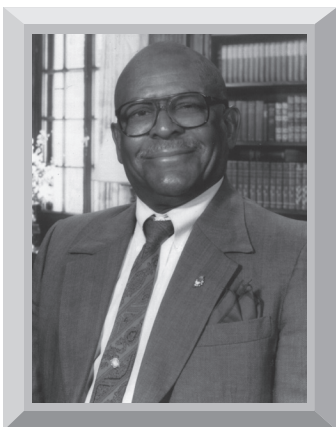
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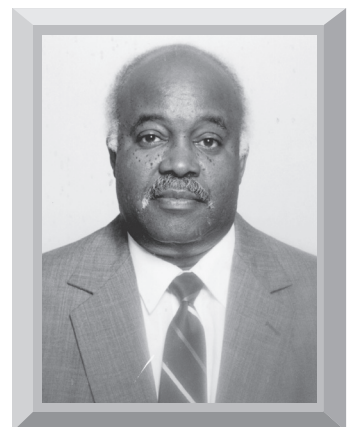
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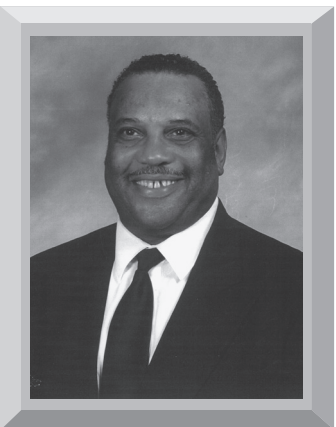
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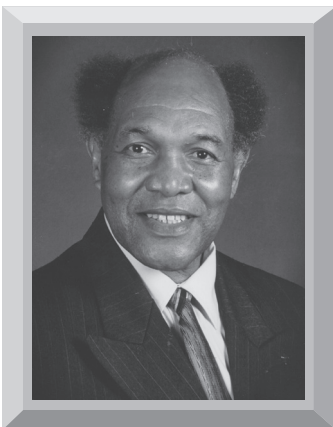
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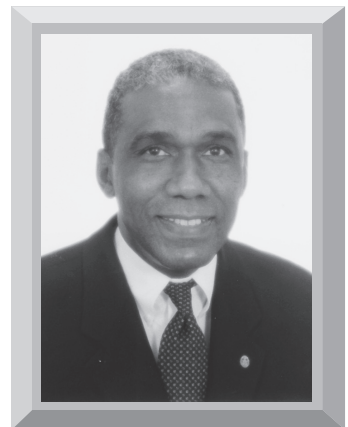
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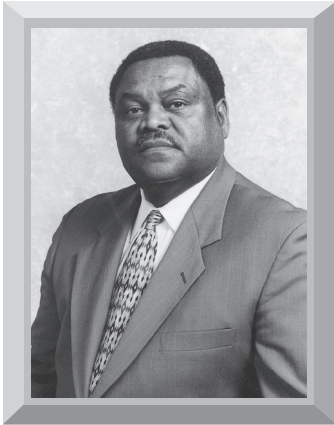
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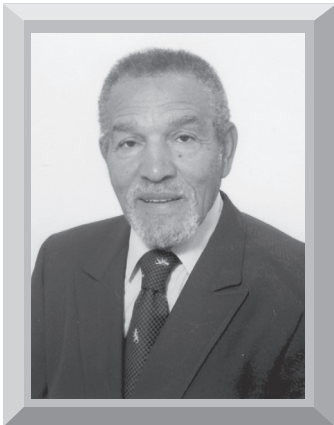
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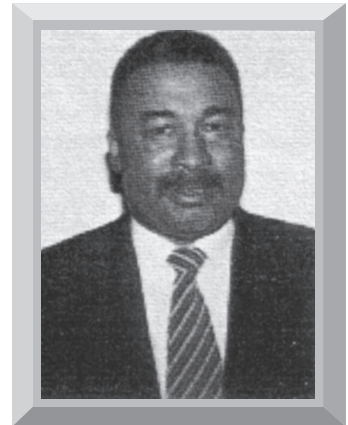
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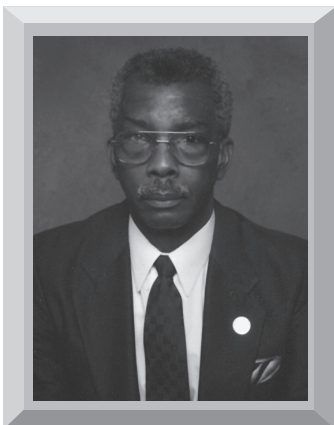
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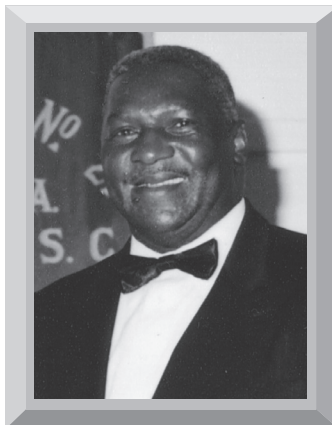
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2007 High School Senior Showcase



West Girls All-Star Team
Winners of the
2007 Greenville County Senior Showcase



East Boys All-Star Team
Winners of the
2007 Greenville County Senior Showcase

2007 Greenville County Middle School All Stars

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| Beck | D.J. McKelvey | Guard |
| | Catie Smith | Guard |
| Berea | Anthony Dickey | Guard/Forward |
| | Amber Anderson | Center |
| Bryson | Alexis Peterson | Center |
| Greenville | Damien Leonard | Forward |
| | Sally Ingles | Forward |
| Hughes | McKenzie Weston | Guard |
| Lakeview | Justin McDaniel | Forward |
| | Davia Miles | Guard |
| Northwest | Charles Wilson | Power Forward |
| | Ericka McCarson | Point Guard |
| Northwood | Nick Peter | Forward |
| | Brittany Skelton | Forward |
| Sevier | Dominique Taylor | Guard |
| | Allison Bell | Guard |
| Tanglewood | Demondre Young | Forward |
| | Keona Wright | Guard |