



Howrhu Marcus Self

Class of 1971

Howrhu Marcus Self was born in Mound Bayou, Mississippi. After excelling at W.A. Higgins High School in Clarksdale, Mississippi, he earned an athletic scholarship to Tuskegee Institute in 1966. Playing both as an offensive center and defensive linebacker, he lettered every year at Tuskegee and would not relinquish a starting position he earned and maintained from his sophomore through his senior year. Self was a member of the Undefeated 1967 Golden Tigers Football team and was named to the All SIAC team in 1968.

Self majored in African American Studies at Tuskegee. While on campus, he was involved with the Tuskegee Institute Athletic Association, The Little Theater, and attended Greenwood Baptist Church. He also participated in the 1968 Student Protest. Self graduated in 1971 and holds the distinction of being the first Tuskegee graduate to earn the African American Studies degree.

After graduation, Self spent 6 months as a free agent with the Washington Redskins of the NFL, before enlisting in the United States Army. During his military career, he was assigned to the 549th Military Police Company in the Panama Canal Zone and the 759th Military Police Battalion. After his military service, Self joined the Pennsylvania Board of Probation & Parole where worked for 27 years before retiring in 1997. He later served on the Philadelphia Bench Warrant Unit before retiring again in 2006.

Self has volunteered for various coaching duties and served on numerous community & civic groups including Neighborhood Watch and the Cherry Hill, N.J. Mayoral Advisory Council. He currently is a member of Mt Zion United Methodist Church and is active on the Sunday School Staff, The United Methodist Men, The Men's Choir, and the Trustee Board.

Self supports Tuskegee financially through the Tuskegee Veterinary Medicine Alumni Association (TVMAA).

Howrhu Marcus Self resides in Cherry Hill, N.J. with his wife of 46 years, Carolyn. He is the proud father of 2 children, Howrhu II and Asha, and 2 beautiful granddaughters, Alyca and Lena.