



Berman James Harbor, Sr.
Class of 1951

Berman James Harbor, Sr., a native of New Orleans, Louisiana, graduated from Booker T. Washington High School and entered Tuskegee University in 1947 where he played football. Under the leadership of two great coaches, Major Cleve Abbott and Alva Tabor he played offensive and defensive guard. His outstanding performance on the playing field earned him letters each of his years of play and Honorable Mention All- SIAC Guard in 1950. While at Tuskegee he was photographer and reporter for the Campus Digest and earned recognition for his outstanding performance in the Famed Tuskegee University Choir.

Harbor served five years in the United States Air Force earning the Rank of Captain. After graduating from Tuskegee University, he participated in professional improvement programs and earned a Masters and Educational Specialist Degree from Texas Southern University.

Harbor coached both high school and professional sports. His professional coaching experience was with the Shreveport Steamers Football team, and he served as a Southwest Athletic Conference official. He was appointed to represent the Negro School of America Association in Physical Education, in Dallas, Texas, the Louisiana Interscholastic Athletic and Literary Organization in Baton Rouge and was appointed Commissioner of the North Louisiana Interscholastic and Literary organization.

His love and appreciation for music has kept him involved in various choral and musical groups in his community, including Houston Philharmonic Summer Corral, Shreveport Symphony Corral and the Shreveport New Dimensional Choral Society, where he serves as president. He is also affiliated with many other professional, civic, and social organizations to include the Louisiana Association of Educators, the American Legion and Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc.