



Levaughn Jenkins

Class of 1953

Levaughn Jenkins played offensive and defensive tackle for three years, this was a throw back to the old "60 minute man," who averaged approximately 55 minutes of playing time per game, under the directions of the capable Coach Cleve Abbot. He lettered in 1950, '51, and '52. He was also a starter in 1951 and '52. Levaughn was a three-year Letterman on the Track and Field Team from 1951-1953 where he specialized in four events; High Jump, Discus, Javelin and Shot Put, and earned points for his team in every meet for three consecutive years.

While at Tuskegee, Levaughn was a well-rounded student whose interest involved many aspects of the Campus community including participation in the Senior Sunday School Class, Industrial Arts Club, ROTC Officers Club and a Chapel Usher.

Jenkins graduated with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Industrial Arts Education and was commissioned a Second Lieutenant in the United States Air Force in 1953. He embarked upon, and completed, a highly successful 28 year career in the Air Force where he held many challenging operational positions that necessitated exceptional training, expertise, management and leadership qualities. Levaughn attained the rank of Colonel, the highest rank below General Officer and earned many awards and decorations, including the Legion of Merit. He was three times selected Outstanding Transportation Officer of the Year (the first and only to be awarded in history), and the first and only Outstanding Tuskegee Airman of the Year from the Pacific Northwest United States. He continued his academic and professional education while on active duty and earned a Masters Degree in Public Administration from Central Michigan University in 1974.

He holds a copyright registered with the U. S. Patent Office, as well as an invention registered with the U. S. Patent Office as a baby sleeper that mechanically rocks the baby to sleep. Subsequent to his Air Force retirement, Levaughn became a highly successful entrepreneur, specializing in Commercial Marketing and Real Estate Management.

Colonel Jenkins and family have made substantial and consistent contributions directly and indirectly to support Tuskegee University. He has negotiated with several companies to hire Tuskegee University graduates and orchestrated an Annual Scholarship Golf Classic that generates money to support students committed to Tuskegee University. They are affiliated with and actively involved in a number of civic, community and religious organizations including Historic Ebenezer Baptist Church in Atlanta, GA.