



Norman G. Garland

Class of 1954

Norman G. Garland, a native of El Paso, Texas enrolled at Tuskegee Institute in 1948. A center and guard on the basketball team, he lettered all four years.

He majored in Health and Physical Education. Norman worked to supplement the cost of his schooling, leaving no time for extracurricular activities except for basketball. He worked at John Andrew Hospital, the Guest House and performed any other duties assigned by the athletic director. Subsequent to his college graduation, he earned an EdS and M.S. in Special Education at Eastern Michigan University. He later earned a Ph.D. from the University of Michigan.

He began his career as a coach in the public school system in New Madrid, Missouri. After relocating to Michigan, he taught in the special education classrooms of the Boys Training School at Whitmore Lake. He later became employed by the Pontiac School system in Pontiac, MI as a special education consultant. He progressed to higher levels of responsibility as he received advanced degrees. He supervised staff in the provision of educational services to delinquent youth, planned and implemented a program to improve literacy of adolescents. He worked as an adjunct professor at Marygrove College in Detroit, Eastern Michigan University in Ypsilanti, MI and University of Michigan, teaching in the undergraduate and graduate Schools of Education. Dr. Garland co-founded the Individual and Group Psychological Services Mental Health Clinic located in Rochester MI, serving as its Clinical Director for several years.

Dr. Garland is active at People's Community Church in Detroit where he has served on the trustee board and currently acts as volunteer administrator of the feeding program for the homeless. He provides services on the building and grounds committee of North Bay Community Church in Clearwater, FL where he is an associate member. He serves as treasurer of the Westwood Village Home Owners association and is affiliated with numerous state and national organizations including National Education Association, International Reading Association and the NAACP.

Over the years, he has continued to support Tuskegee by financial contributions through the Detroit Alumni Club and recently contributed to an effort led by Dr. Miles McAfee to enhance Tuskegee's athletic equipment.

Dr. Garland resides at 3266 Winchester Rd. in West Bloomfield, MI with his wife, Emily. He also has a winter home in New Port Richey, FL.