



**JAMES A. TINSLEY, JR.**  
Class of 1958

James A. Tinsley, Jr., a retired Air Force Lieutenant Colonel. Tinsley is a product of the legendary Cleve Abbott and Alvin Tabor, Jr. He played both defensive and offensive football and was credited with unusual speed. Because of speed, strong blocking and tackling ability, Tinsley played on special teams - kick off, kick off receiving, punting and punt receiving teams.

Tinsley had an exceptional military career. He received many awards and decorations, including a meritorious service medal with two Oak Leaf Clusters, and an Air Force commendation medal with two Oak Leaf Clusters. Tinsley is a life member of the NAACP and holds two graduate degrees from Golden Gate University, an MBA and Master of Public Administration.