



Dr. Robert Wilson III

Class of 1972

Robert Wilson, a native of Dayton, Ohio, enrolled in Tuskegee Institute, now Tuskegee University on a Basketball scholarship in 1968. Wilson, a forward, lettered for four years and garnered several awards. He won the Best Hustler Award all four of his seasons at Tuskegee and was named Most Outstanding Freshman for the 1968-69 season and Best Defensive Player for the 1969-70, 1970-71 and 1971-72 seasons. Wilson was team captain in 1971-72 and led the Golden Tigers in field goal percentage. He was a key member of the golden tiger squad that won the 1970-71 Southern Intercollegiate Athletic Conference visitation championship and was named Honorable Mention All SIAC that season. Wilson was also a member of the cross-country track team for one season, and a graduate assistant with the men's basketball from September 1972 until January 1973.

In addition to his stellar performance on the basketball court, Wilson was an excellent student who was involved in many campus activities. He regularly made the Dean's List and was escort to Miss Tuskegee (1970-1971). He also was a member of Lambda Epsilon chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity and participated in its numerous community service projects, which included Saturday volunteer services at the Veteran's Administration Hospital. Wilson earned a Master of Arts Degree in Health and Physical Education from Hampton University and Doctor of Education Degree from Argosy University, Sarasota, FL.

Wilson's pursuit of excellence in education extends to his work endeavors. He began his professional career with IBM in Montgomery, AL in January 1973 as an installed machines inventory analyst in the Office Products division. In 1975, Wilson relocated to Hampton, VA as an assistant coach with the Hampton University men's basketball team and physical education instructor. During his tenure as assistant coach, the Pirates made three appearances in the NAIA national tournament and won one Central Intercollegiate Athletic Association championship.

In 1985, Wilson joined the family business in Jackson, TN as an employee of Stephenson-Shaw Funeral Home. He became program director of the Jackson YMCA, an experience that led him to Atlanta where in 1985 he became Executive Director of the Butler Street YMCA. In 1989 he joined Morehouse College faculty as a Physical Education Instructor where he remained until 2000 when he was named Chairman of the Department of Physical Education.

Dr. Wilson, an Elder and Bible School instructor at West End Church of Christ in Atlanta, is a loyal and true Golden Tiger and a member of the Atlanta-Tuskegee Club. He and his wife, the former Stella Shaw, reside in Atlanta and are the parents of three and the grandparents of three.