



JAMES B. CRAWFORD
Class of 1962

James B. Crawford was born in Dothan, Alabama. He attended the Public School System and graduated from Carver High School where he was active in the school's academic and athletic programs. He participated on the basketball team and was one of the "TEN TALL MEN" which was known as a powerful force throughout the southeast region. Crawford stated that his most memorable moment at Tuskegee was in November 1958 when he was named to the starting five for the Historic Golden Tiger Basketball Team. He was a starter the entire four years and played guard or forward. He received the "T" award in basketball and golf, and the sweater, jacket and gold letter awards in basketball. The team placed second in the SIAC Championship and participated in the regional NCAA Tournament.

After graduation, he was drafted into the U. S. Army. On completion of his military duties he returned to his high school as assistant basketball coach. He later accepted a therapy position with the V.A. Hospital in Brockton, MA. While there he attended graduate school at Northeastern University in Boston where he received a master's degree in Rehabilitation and Hospital Administration.

In 1970 he relocated to Riviera Beach, Florida and served as vocational counselor with the State of Florida. In 1972 he started his tenure with the 45th Street Mental Health Center where he is presently the Program Director of Out-Patient Services.

He has been recognized by organizations and the media for his outstanding community service. He has been involved with the scholarship awards program and affordable housing program for indigent citizens of Palm Beach County, 100-Hundred Black Men Association; the Minority Golf Association; the Junior Golf Program; High School Student Mentoring Program; Boys Club and Big Brother Program.

He is married to Janice Ward Crawford and is the proud father of two children, Kenneth and Sandra Crawford.