



RIGOBERTO GARCIA
Class of 1955

A tenacious basketball player, point guard (1951-1955), team captain (1955), lettered four consecutive years; Garcia's athletic prowess span almost a lifetime, beginning as a sixth grader at St. Peter Claver School, through high school, college and into his professional life.

Through hard work and determination, Rigoberto Garcia developed champions. His team was undefeated for two years, won Florida State Junior High Championship (1967) and the Hillsborough County Junior High School Championship (1968).

Athlete, coach, teacher, administrator, he served his alma mater and community well, touching and influencing many lives. Many students attended Tuskegee University from the Tampa Bay area including his own son, Rigoberto Garcia II, who lettered Basketball and graduated from the School of Business in 1987. His service to the community is evidenced by his membership and service with many organizations and Boards.

In recognition of his outstanding service, the Hillsborough County Commission proclaimed December 27, 1991 "Rigoberto M. Garcia Day" and in 1992 he was honored by Kappa Alpha Psi as "Man of the Year".