



A. EUGENIA LOWE BUTLER
Class of 1950

A. Eugenia Lowe Butler, Mobile, Alabama, participated in track and field events at Tuskegee University from 1947 to 1950. She began her tenure as a runner at age 13 with the Toronto Ladies' Athletic Club and later with the Laurel Ladies' Athletic Club. She also played basketball and softball for the Toronto Athletic Club and Hope United Church. Her experiences continued through high school as she participated and won championships in track and field, and played on championship teams in volleyball, basketball, softball and badminton. She also served as Curator for track, basketball, volleyball, softball and tennis teams, president of the Girls Athletic Society, and member of the dance team.

In 1942, she won the Norman Craig Trophy for Ontario's Outstanding Girl Athlete. In 1943 and 1944 she anchored the champion relay team at the AAU Championships in Ocean City, New Jersey and Cleveland, Ohio. In 1945, she placed third in the 100 meter dash at the AAU Meet in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, where she broke the dash record.

At Tuskegee, she ran on championship indoor and outdoor track teams in 100 meters, 200 meters, running broad jump, high jump and relays, and won medals in each activity at every meet. In 1948 she won a position on the Canadian Olympic Team in 200 meter and relay; however, she was unable to participate because of an injury received in Grand Rapids, Michigan while participating for Tuskegee.

Ms. Butler received a Bachelor of Science degree from Tuskegee University in 1950; a Master of Science in Physical Education from the University of South Alabama, Mobile, Alabama in 1974, and has done extensive study toward another Master's Degree in Leisure Therapy.

She taught Physical Education, Math and English at Palmer Memorial Institute, Sedalia, North Carolina, 1950-51. For 29 years she taught in the Mobile, Alabama school system --- 19 years at Central High School, where she assisted in setting up the first Black Physical Education program, and 10 years at John Shaw High School. During her professional years in the Mobile area she coached championship teams in track and field and basketball; coached and sponsored majorette and cheer-leading squads; served as chaperon to the band and sponsor for Friends of Exceptional Children and sponsor for the freshman class.

Her organizational memberships include member of the Board of Directors, Deep South Girl Scout Council, serving as secretary since 1981; Coordinator, Patients' Council, Southwest Sickle Cell Anemia Foundation; member, Mobile-Tuskegee Area Alumni Club; member of the State Street A.M.E. Zion Church; member, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority; and various other organizations.