



Alfred Swann
Class of 1964

Alfred Swann, a native of Lithonia, GA, enrolled at Tuskegee Institute (University), on the 5-year work program in 1959. Swann was the star pitcher in varsity baseball and lettered each of the three years he played. His most memorable performance was pitching “a perfect game” against Fisk University his senior year. He also played basketball for 2 years.

Swann began his professional career as a Health and Physical Education/Social Studies teacher but was soon drafted into the U.S. Army. There he played baseball, basketball, and football at the Post level and earned recognition for outstanding team spirit, good sportsmanship and all around hustle. Swann was deployed overseas to Vietnam where he served as a Psychology/Social Work Specialist. Upon separation from active military duty in 1969, Swann worked as a Recreation Therapist and advanced to the position of Activities Director for the Georgia Department of Human Resources at Georgia Regional Hospital in Atlanta. He enlisted with the Army Reserves continuing in social work while earning several promotions until his retirement in 2002. In 1978, Swann entered Federal Service with the Department of Education, Office for Civil Rights. He also worked for the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development and received recognition from Secretary Jack Kemp for service in Desert Shield/Desert Storm. Upon return to the U.S. Department of Education, Swann earned recognition for outstanding contributions to his team and the department for two consecutive years. He was instrumental in bringing about a change in the high school female athletics program in the Southeast region through Title 9.

Swann actively participated with the Capital City Officials Association, the Masonic Lodge, SISTAs Inc., GA Special Olympics, and the Spring Valley Civic Association, and numerous other programs. Swann is a member of the Beulah Missionary Baptist Church where he serves on the Board of Deacons, teaches Sunday school and is Director of the Activities Department.

Swann has consistently supported the university through membership in TUNAA and the Atlanta-Tuskegee Club. A Golden Tiger season ticker holder, he has not missed a Homecoming game since 1972. He has recruited for the ladies basketball program and has influenced 9 younger family members to attend Tuskegee University, include his twin daughters, Dainelle Swann Baughman, Noblesville, IN and Gaynelle Swann Workman, Tucson, AZ, both of the Class of 1991.

Proud Tuskegee Alumni, Al and his wife Patricia Nelson Swann (Class of 1967), reside in Decatur, GA.