



ANNA LOIS RUSS JONES
Class of 1929

track

Anna Lois Russ Jones, Newark, New Jersey, was a member of the track and field team while in high school at Tuskegee Institute in 1928 and 1929. She won the Tuskegee Institute "T" Athletic Award as the world's second fastest female in the 100 yard dash.

Mrs. Jones graduated from Tuskegee Institute with a certificate in Home Economics and Plain Sewing. After leaving Tuskegee, she attended Fisk University in Nashville, Tennessee, and received a B.A. degree in liberal studies from Shaw University in Raleigh, North Carolina.

In 1952 she began work for the Housing Authority of the City of Newark. As a result of her enormous energy, talent and commitment, she moved through the ranks of the Housing Authority serving in many supervisory roles. She was appointed supervisor of the casework and referral unit in 1972. Prior to joining the Housing Authority she was on the staff of the Booker T. Washington Community Hospital where she rose to the position of assistant to the administrator, and U.S. Army office of Dependent Benefits.

Mrs. Jones has greatly contributed to many local, state and national organizations in the field of human services and education. She was the first Vice President and a life member of the Newark Chapter, National Council of Negro Women and a member of the NAACP. She is also a member of the New Jersey Chapter of the League of Women Voters, The Phyllis Wheatley Literary Society, the United Community Corporation and the National Coalition of ESEA Title I Parents. One of her main interests is the Newark Title I Central Parents Council in which organization she is currently the Recording Secretary.

Throughout her career, Mrs. Jones has made and kept many friends around the country. She has undertaken all assignments with integrity and administrative competence. She is a teacher and a friend whose advice and counsel have been sought by many. She is both realist and idealist. She is social critic, and a prodigious worker who is intellectually and emotionally committed to justice and the well-being of her fellow citizens.