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ARTHUR J. McCLUNG
Class of 1933

Football

Arthur McClung, Columbus, Georgia, played football at Tuskegee from 1929 through 1932. He was awarded a football letter in 1932 and received the gold football award in 1932.

Following graduation from Tuskegee he was athletic coach and instructor at Westfield High School in Birmingham, Alabama from 1933 through 1943. There he organized the first physical education and athletic program for boys and the first physical fitness program for boys at the new school. From 1943 to 1954 he was USO-YMCA director in three cities: Panama City, Florida, Wichita Falls, Texas and Columbus, Georgia. In 1954 he was named executive secretary of the Brookhaven Branch of the YMCA in Columbus, he retired as YMCA Executive Director in Columbus in 1978. That same year the Brookhaven Branch YMCA was renamed the A. J. McClung Branch YMCA in his honor.

Mr. McClung has served as a councilman for the City of Columbus and he has served Columbus as Mayor Pro-Tem. He was re-elected mayor pro-tem for the fourth consecutive term in 1979. Served as Mayor of Columbus from February 1973 until April 1973. He has been chairman of the Instructional Services Committees for the Georgia State Board of Education, is a member of the Civilian Military Council of Columbus, the board of directors of the Georgia Municipal Association and the Columbus Negro Business League. He was named Man of the Year by the Young Men's Progressive Club, received the meritorious service award from the National Armed Services YMCA, the Alumni Service Award from Tuskegee Alumni Association, and the Community Service Award from the Metro Columbus Urban League.