



Carter Bowman, Jr.
Class of 1944

An educator, humanitarian, historian, **Carter Bowman, Jr.** carved his place in the history of athletics at Tuskegee University and the Southern Intercollegiate Athletic Conference as a Golden Tiger Football "Center" from 1939 through 1943 where he earned three letters. His stellar performance on the playing fields from this position brought him valor and honor. During the 1943-44 academic year, while serving as sports editor for the *Campus Digest*, he was named team captain and won recognition as all SIAC center. Bowman's excellence did not end on the playing field, it was during that same year that he was honored as outstanding student.

Bowman retired from the Washington, D.C. Public School System as Vice Principal. He served his community as a member of Garnet-Patterson School Board of Directors, the United Methodist Historical Society Board of Directors, a Boy Scout Commissioner and a bus driver for Georgetown seniors. Bowman was the first African American elected as a Neighborhood Commissioner in Washington, D.C. His most outstanding contributions have been his efforts to preserve the history of African-Americans in Washington, D.C. and the Mt. Zion Cemetery as a station on the underground railroad.

He is life member of National Parent Teacher Association (PTA), United Methodist Men, a member of the District of Columbia Genealogical Society Board of Directors and the Washington-Tuskegee Alumni Association.

Bowman has been recognized for his achievement and service to mankind many times. He received the Ford Motor Company Industrial Arts Achievement Award in 1955; University of Pittsburgh Fellowship Award, 1972-73; Maryland Sport Fishing Award, 1979; Tuskegee National Alumni Association; Cleve L. Abbot Service Award 1982; the Advisory Neighborhood Service Award in 1998 and the District of Columbia Humanist of the Year Award.

"As I think about persons at Tuskegee who had a tremendous influence on my life, I can recall many: Major Abbott, Captain Neely, Mr. Freeman, Mother Watkins, Captain "Buddie Love", Chief Wright, Mrs. Long, teammates, classmates and roommates. But the most tremendous influence on my life has been the young lady I met 60 years ago, Mamie Johnson, Class of 1945. We have been happily married for 54 glorious years and have fond memories of our Alma Mater."