

Tuskegee University Athletic Hall of Fame

Claude C. George

Class of 1948

CLAUDE C. GEORGE, Class of 1948. As an outstanding basketball player and captain of the Tuskegee Institute Varsity Basketball Team, George gave the fans who crowded into Logan Hall something to look forward to.

His talents did not stop on the basketball court, but continued on the gridiron and on the tennis courts.

After leaving Tuskegee, George went to Texas Southern University to serve as end coach-football, assistant basketball coach, and head track coach for one year. A desire to work with youth much younger than those found in colleges caused him to migrate to Atlanta, Georgia where he coached for 19 years at Booker T. Washington High School and developed football, basketball, baseball and wrestling teams that won 34 city, 5 state, and 4 region championships.

Five years of service as principal at Cooper Elementary School, Capitol Elementary School, and Craddock Elementary School moved George into a position where he could reach and inspire a greater number of youth to perform to optimum levels in academics. Presently he is director of the Voluntary Transfer Program for Desegregation in the Atlanta Public Schools.

Honors and professional awards from professional and community groups include Jewish Educational Alliance Achievement Award, American Alliance for Health, Physical Education and Recreation, YMCA, Boy Scouts of America Achievement, Urban League Community Award, Muhammad's Temple of Islam No. 15, Atlanta, Georgia Certificate of Award for Community Development, and Tuskegee Institute Alumni Association.

Claude George has been an organizer of numerous programs from youth oriented to senior citizen activities, an author of numerous unpublished research articles from lack of taking time out for himself, and a seeking for ways to serve mankind.

A thirst for knowledge has inspired George to obtain a Master's degree from New York University and a Specialist in Education degree from Atlanta University.