

Tuskegee University Athletic Hall of Fame

Dorothy Dean Gordon Gray

Class of 1928

DOROTHY DEAN GORDON GRAY, '28 - holds the honor of being the first "Miss Tuskegee", and the only person to be chosen twice. She played varsity basketball from 1922-28, receiving letters each year and one of the first two gold basketballs awarded to women at Tuskegee Institute. Among other athletic honors received while at Tuskegee include her serving as captain of the basketball team, being chosen best all-around girl in Physical Education, and being chosen "Miss Bowl Girl" when the Alumni Bowl was first opened.

Mrs. Gray's professional experiences include teaching at the high school level in Mississippi, and at the college level at Savannah State, Grambling and Tougaloo Colleges. For twelve years she was head of the Home Economics Department at Alcorn College, Lorman, Mississippi. After that time she became state supervisor in Home Economics Education for the State of Mississippi, holding this position until her retirement in 1970.

Dorothy has received many honors and awards. She cherishes most an award and a plaque from the Mississippi Teacher's Association for outstanding services; Meritorious Service Plaque presented by the State of Mississippi Extension Service; and a plaque for meritorious service presented by the Tuskegee Southeastern Regional Alumni Association and the National Tuskegee Alumni Association. "Of course", she says, "being selected the first 'Miss Tuskegee' is my fondest memory."

Mrs. Gray is a member of numerous professional and community organizations. She is a member of the American Association of University Women, the National FHA Advisory Committee, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, and the Governor's Committee on Children and Youth. She holds offices on the local, district and state levels with the United Methodist Church. She is a staunch supporter and contributor to the Tuskegee Alumni Program.