



Ernest Gibson

Class of 1954

Ernest Gibson, a native of Jacksonville, Florida, enrolled at Tuskegee University on the G.I. Bill in 1950. Having an interest in sports, he pursued football for one year as a guard. He was a member of the track team for four years, where he lettered each year. As a member of the team, Gibson ran the 100, and 220 yard dash, 440, and 880 yard relay, and the sprint medley relay. He was also the Captain of the Army R.O.T.C. Rifle Team for two years in which he lettered in 1952.

Gibson majored in Industrial Education. Being very active in campus life, Gibson was named "Who's Who in American Colleges and Universities," and was a member of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc., where he served as secretary. Also he was elected president of the Men's senate. Later, Gibson earned the Master of Science degree from Florida State University.

The ambition to succeed and help in the training of others, took Gibson to the classroom where he taught Industrial Arts for eighteen years and advanced to department chairman. During this same period of time, he served as assistant football coach, and head coach of the junior varsity basketball team and track team. Later Gibson served as an administrative assistant on the junior high school level for twelve years, retiring with thirty-three years of service in education.

Gibson devotes time and effort in spiritual and social organizations, including the NAACP., YMCA, and Habitat for Humanity, Salvation Army and Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc. He is a member of St. Paul AME Church where he serves as a Steward, choir member, president of the male chorus, and a member of the leadership team.

Gibson is a strong, physical and financial supporter of Tuskegee University through the Jacksonville Tuskegee Club, where he has served as president and secretary. He participates each year with club sponsored tours to the campus, student scholarships, choir tours, and the parade of clubs.

Additionally he has returned to campus each year during the month of July to work with the National Adopt-a-Dorm Program.