



Ernie James Montgomery

Class of 1969

Ernie Montgomery is a native of Montgomery, Alabama. He enrolled at Tuskegee Institute in 1965. As a freshman, he became the team manager for the Men's Basketball team under Coach O.J. Catlin. During his sophomore year, he was the team scorekeeper for the basketball and football teams under Coach Leroy Smith. Throughout the three years of basketball, he earned the letter "T" award (1965-66), the sweater (1966-67) and the jacket (1967-68) as manager and scorekeeper, in association with football as team statistician. Ernie's awards also include SIAC Coach of the year 1973, 1974, 1975 for Cross Country. He served as the assistant director of the NYSP under Director Dr. H. Frank Leftwich.

Academically, he earned a BS in Physical Education from Tuskegee Institute (1969), a MA in Physical Education from Ball State University (1971), and a second BS in Physical Therapy (1985) from Florida A& M University. Additional studies were done in Supervision and Administration at Tuskegee Institute during the summers of 1977 and 1978.

Montgomery began his professional career at Tuskegee Institute in 1969-70 as a teaching assistant in Physical Education. He returned from Ball State to Tuskegee Institute as a full-time instructor of Health, Physical Education and Recreation (1971-1979). After receiving a BS in Physical Therapy his professional career made a transition to clinical physical therapy until his retirement in 2015.

Currently, he is a member of the Tuskegee National Alumni Association (TNAA), Montgomery-Tuskegee Alumni Club, Life Member of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc. and a member of First C.M.E. Church, Montgomery, AL.

Ernie's community involvement includes serving on the Board of Directors of the Cleveland Avenue Branch of Montgomery YMCA, volunteering with the YMCA tennis clinic and the annual golf and tennis tournament for the Boys & Girls club.

Financial support is given annually through donations to the Tuskegee University Scholarship Fund.

Ernie resides in Montgomery with his wife, Valda. He has an extended family of five children, eight grandchildren, and most recently three great-grandsons.