

# Tuskegee University Athletic Hall of Fame

## Fidelia O. Adams Johnson

Class of 1929

FIDELIA O. ADAMS JOHNSON, '29 - A leading Louisiana educator for over four decades, a steadfast community, religious, fraternal, and social worker, a loving and devoted "mother" to literally hundreds of persons now themselves successfully working and leading throughout the nation, a distinguished American woman-- these are the broad personal dimensions of Mrs. Fidelia O. Adams Johnson.

One of six children of the late Mr. and Mrs. Charles P. and Martha Adams, renowned founders of Grambling College, now nationally recognized as Grambling State University, Mrs. Johnson completed both her high school and college education at Tuskegee Institute, 1922-29. She received the B. S. degree in Home Economics.

In 1936, she was a key figure in launching a unique "Field Service Program" at Grambling College which took education out of the

classroom directly into eight regions of Louisiana, bringing improved community living to hundreds of needy people and attracting widespread national and international attention to the then small north Louisiana institution.

For over four decades she headed the Home Economics department at Grambling, developing four-year degree programs in Home Economics Education, Institutional Management, and Early Childhood Education, the latter program being the first of its kind in the State of Louisiana.

In athletics, Fidelia lettered for four years in basketball at Tuskegee, and for nearly 20 years she coached the girl's basketball team at Grambling, always producing top-ranked contenders and sometimes assorted champions.

Mrs. Johnson, "Mama Fie", of Tuskegee, of Grambling, is a landmark personality and sterling character in the epic annals of education and athletics.