



Frank Jones
Class of 1962

Frank Jones is a native of Opelika, Alabama. He enrolled at Tuskegee in 1958. Frank was encouraged to tryout for the football team by head coach Van Cleve after he saw him playing touch football the summer before his freshman year. He earned an athletic scholarship and lettered four years. Frank had several outstanding moments playing at halfback. In the 1958 Homecoming game, fourth quarter, he made a forty yard run to tie the score. The final score was 6-6. In the 1959 Crampton Bowl Classic, the Pittsburgh Courier highlighted Jones 97 yards rushing and touchdown in the 12-8 victory. He was honorably mentioned at the halfback position for the 1960 SIAC All Conference team.

Frank's major was architecture and he began earning fees drawing house plans in his sophomore year. He volunteered to work with the survey team that did the preliminary surveying for some of the buildings that exist on the campus today, including the chapel. Frank was a member of the Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity. At UCLA graduate school of business, he earned a certificate in business management. Frank became a licensed Real Estate Broker in the states of California and Alabama.

After graduating, he relocated to California. Through networking with Tuskegee architecture graduates, Frank was hired by North America Aviation Corporation. He was assigned to the structural design group to produce installation drawings for the ApoHo project first flight to the moon. He was involved in the early stages of computer graphics design at Lockheed and Northrop Corporations. His knowledge in computer graphics led to work with the initial structural design for the space shuttle, DC10 and F18 military jet. Frank began to use computer graphics to produce plans for homes, remodeling and additions. This led to his involvement in various phases of real estate. Frank retired from the Boeing Company in 2003 and returned to Alabama in 2006. His company, F. Jones Realty, specialize in leasing homes to company employees and military personnel transferred or temporarily reassigned to the Huntsville, Alabama area.

Frank has been actively involved with several organizations. He was a founding member and president of J.W. Darden High School Alumni Association, Inc. and the J.W. Darden Foundation, Inc. in Opelika. Frank's involvements with organizations that cater and mentor youth include Children Youth And Family Collaborative, NAACP-ACT -SO and he is a founding member of the African-American Male Achievers Network. Frank is a member of Lakeside United Methodist Church and co-editor of the newsletter.