

Leon Crenshaw, Jr. Class of 1995

Leon Crenshaw, Jr., a second generation Golden Tiger continued a family tradition by joining the Golden Tiger football team as a defensive tackle. From this same position his father terrorized opposing quarterbacks and running backs in the 60's. Beginning the 1985 season Leon, Jr. realized he had some big shoes to fill and fill them he did. He was a two year letterman, in 1985 and 1986 seasons he was named to the second team all-SIAC and in 1989 and 1990 first team All-SIAC. He earned All-American honors in 1990 by leading the team in tackles and sacks from the nose tackle position. It is believed the first time that a defensive lineman has led the team in both tackles and sacks.

After graduating from Tuskegee University, he moved to Detroit where he is a teacher and football coach at Osborn High School. He continued his education and earned a Master of Education degree from Marygrove College.

Leon's passion for football continued as he played Semi-Professional football with the Detroit Seminoles leading them to an unprecedented nine (9) league championships and three (3) national championships. He earned All-League status at this level.

Crenshaw is active in his community where he volunteers with the American Adopt- A-Family project and serves as Chairman of the men's ministry at Chapel Hill Missionary Baptist Church. He holds membership in several professional and social organizations to include the Michigan High School Football Coaches Association, the Michigan Educators Association and Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc. and Sliver Trowel Lodge # 10.

He is married to the former Tina Gordon, also a Tuskegee University graduate. They have three daughters Jessica, Whitney and Ashley.