

# Tuskegee University Athletic Hall of Fame

## Robert Duckworth

Class of 1960

ROBERT DUCKWORTH, Class of 1960. Robert "Batman" Duckworth came to Tuskegee Institute from Pensacola, Florida. He was a self-taught golfer who started caddying on the public golf course when he was 12 years old.

He captured the respect of the golf world with his performance on the golf course as he toured the college circuit with the crushing swing that he was known for. Team Captain Duckworth collected medals and trophies each year while at Tuskegee Institute.

Known in the Seattle-Tacoma area as a champion golfer, his weekend activities on the course have paid off in mementoes and trophies that any professional golfer would be proud to exhibit. His secret for the long hits that approach those that are listed in The Guinness Book of World Records - enlarged edition is "Don't swing as hard as you can, groove your swing".

Duckworth is the first champion of the Bellevue City Municipal Golf Course, winner of Seattle's FACTS Tournament, and winner of the Glen Acres Open Amateur Golf Tournament in Canada, where he became the first American to win the tournament.

"Batman" was an outstanding defensive end on the Golden Tigers Football Team, and his presence was known on the Basketball team as he played with the same gusto that he was known for.

A scholar as well, Duckworth has received a Master's degree in Business Administration from the University of Washington, and is presently enrolled at the University of Puget Sound Tacoma for a Master's degree in Public Administration.

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Community work has received its share of Duckworth's time as exemplified by the following:

1. Member of the NAACP
2. President of the Northwest Tuskegee Alumni Club
3. Northwest Recruiter for Tuskegee Institute
4. Member of Lake Hill PTA - Past Treasurer
5. Coach of Lake Hills Softball Team
6. AST Coach of Lake Hills Soccer Team
7. Member of New Baptist Church - Active Usher
8. Co-Chairman Manpower Audisory Board - Drug Abuse Offenders
9. Chairman - Clearinghouse for ex-offenders - State of Washington
10. Member of the First State Golf Club - past president, seven years
11. President International Sportsman Club
12. WHO's WHO State of Washington - 1975
13. Sports Writer for FACTS Newspaper - 1965-1971

Presently employed as Affirmative Action Officer for Metro (the Municipality of Metropolitan Seattle) he is concerned with bringing the over-abundance of highly skilled and educated minorities into the mainstream of employment. Experience with Weyerhaeuser Company, Everett, Washington; Blue Cross, Washington - Alaska, Inc., Seattle, Washington and The Boeing Company, Commercial Airplane Division, Penton, Washington, and active service with the United States Army have more than prepared Duckworth for this challenging position.

Duckworth is married to Bobbye Duckworth, who he met while in college and later married after being discharged from the Army at Fort Lewis, Washington. Bobbye Duckworth is a teacher in the Seattle Head Start Program. They have two children, Sonia and Derrik.