



**Robert LaShante Crayton**

Class of 2015

Robert LaShante Crayton a native of Akron, Ohio enrolled at Tuskegee University in the fall of 1981, earning an athletic baseball scholarship after a stellar high school career at Buchtel University High School. Upon arriving, Crayton immediately established himself a key contributor to a Championship baseball team his freshman year. He lettered all four years and receiving All Conference honors in 1984 and 1985 to include Consensus Conference Player of the Year, Most Valuable Player and Best Pitcher Awards in 1984.

Crayton was a member of 4 consecutive SIAC Championship Teams. He excelled under the coaching and leadership of Head Coach James "Big Jim" Martin and was considered a Major League Baseball prospect, before suffering a career ending shoulder injury during the 1985 baseball season, thus ending his lifelong dream of becoming a professional athlete.

Crayton majored in Organizational Psychology while attending Tuskegee from 1981-1985. He was also an active participant in campus activities and community outreach initiatives.

Crayton went on to earn his Bachelor of Psychology in 2015 from the University of Permian Basin and subsequently completed his Master of Special Education with honors. He commenced his career as a Behavioral Mental Health Specialist for Menninger Clinic in Houston, Texas a Nationally Ranked Leader in the treatment of mental illness. Crayton has achieved numerous accolades, awards to include community and professional recognitions during his successful 36 years of Quality Service. Crayton currently works with High Profile Individuals to include Celebrities and Professional Athletes in a highly successful and Recognized Pathway to Excellence Integration Program known as Pathfinders.

Crayton has been an avid Ambassador and Supporter of Tuskegee University as a member of the Tuskegee University National Athletic Association. He has contributed to the renovation of the campus baseball facility and to the Tuskegee University Scholarship fund to assist deserving students.

Crayton currently resides in Houston, Texas with his wife of 36 years Letitia Cook-Crayton and they have four children, Derrick, DeAndre, Dante, Deja and 3 grandchildren.