



Robert N. Hunter
Class of 1953

Robert N. Hunter, an Alabama native, enrolled in Tuskegee University in 1949 where he majored in Physical Education. Active in football and track for the entirety of his academic career at Tuskegee, he played Offense Guard and Defense End, and ran the 440 yd. run, 100 yd. dash, mile relay and 400 yd. relay.

After graduation, Mr. Hunter served in the military as a First Lieutenant for the Armed Forces, Infantry Division. He then went on to teach Physical Education at Miller Middle School to great accolade. During his 40 years at Miller, Mr. Hunter worked tirelessly to help children build their health and self-esteem through physical education.

In 1970 he helped found the Adaptive Physical Education Program for the Cupertino Union School District. This program was designed to help children with permanent or temporary physical handicaps, as well as to address issues with self-esteem and discipline. During his career at Miller, Mr. Hunter received the PTA's Honorary Service Award in 1976, and was honored as Junior High School Coach of the Year by the California Coaches Association in 1980 and 1994. In 1999, Miller Middle School dedicated the Bob Hunter Gymnasium in his honor. At the time of dedication, Mr. Hunter received personal letters of congratulation from President Bill Clinton, Senator Barbara Boxer, and many former students and colleagues. One of Robert's most prized awards, however, came from former students who, after four years of high school at Lynbrook High, named him the most influential teacher they had encountered in their twelve years of schooling. One of those students went so far as to donate \$5,000 to Miller's Physical Education program, and others contributed money for new wrestling uniforms.

Mr. Hunter resides in San Jose, California, and is a devoted father, whose passion for excellence was passed to his three children - two of whom are now practicing law, and one who holds a Ph.D.