

THERESA A. MANUEL Class of 1949

Theresa A. Manuel, Tampa, Florida, was a member of the basketball and track teams at Tuskegee from 1944 through 1949. Both teams were undefeated during her five years as a member.

She was a National AAU junior 400 meter relay team champion, held the National AAU senior 50 meter hurdles championship in which she set an indoor record at Chicago, April 24, 1948 at 7 minutes 45 seconds. She was a member of the 1948 U.S. Olympic Track Team and participated in the 80 meter hurdles and on the 400 meter relay team.

She was head basketball coach at Hillsborough High School for five years. She was named Girl's Basketball Coach of the Year for Hillsborough County from 1975 - 76 and 1976 - 77. She was coach of the year for the state of Florida for 1976 - 77. She received the Citizenship Award in 1978.

She serves as a Little League Coach for girls softball, a member of the Board of Directors for the First Gasprilla Distance Classic and a member of the Girls Athletic Committee for the county.

The Western Conference has dedicated its spring girls track meet to her and named it the THERESA MANUEL RELAYS. In 1968, Ms. Manuel served as an honorary referee for the Jesuit Relays.