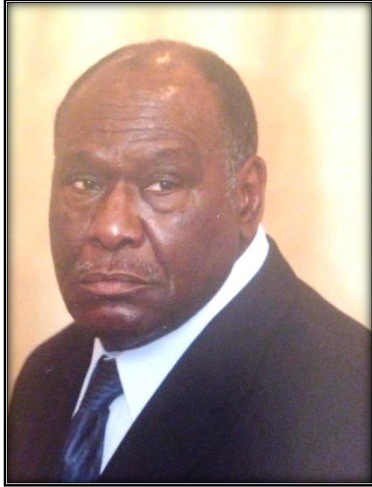


# ATHLETE

*Carl B. Jackson*

Jackson P. Burley High School – Charlottesville, VA



Carl B. Jackson is a Charlottesville native and a 1956 graduate of Jackson P. Burley High School. Carl began playing with the Burley Bears football team his freshmen year of high school and played through his senior year. He became an exceptional football player and the recipient of many honors and accolades.

Carl believes to be successful, you need discipline. It has carried over from high school through his adult life. As a football player, he played on both sides of the ball. He played “Center” for the offense team and as a “Linebacker” for the defense team. With only 30 players on the team, the players rotated between playing offense and defense. He served as captain of the team for the 1954 and 1955 seasons. As a player Carl had much success.

- **1954** – Member of the VIAL State Football Championship Team
- **1955** – Member of the Northern District Football Championship Team
- **1956** – Member of the Northern District Co-Football Championship Team

Carl was tenacious on the field and in the classroom. His tenacity showed as he helped lead the Bears, under the famed coaching of Robert “Bob” Smith to several award winning seasons. His personal accolades included selection as a two time member of the Virginia High School All-State Football Team and an outstanding football player for the Burley High School team. His efforts also helped the team to experience great success. During his tenure, the team’s record was 39-3-1. The team also won titles at the district and state level. Players and coaches alike noted Carl’s discipline as a player contributed to his success and attitude, which influenced the rest of the team.

Carl’s success at Jackson P. Burley High School earned him a scholarship to play football at Maryland State University. There he continued to excel on the field. Carl married his high school sweetheart and raised a beautiful family. He retired as a U.S. postal worker in December 1995 and is now a faithful member of the Zion Union Baptist Church in Charlottesville, serving as the Chairman of the Deacon Board.

Carl will always be known as a person of integrity and dedication. He earned the title as one of the true pillars of the Charlottesville community. Many say, “You cannot tell the story of the Burley Bears, without mentioning Carl B”.

# ATHLETE

*Eric R. "Duke" McCaskill, Sr.*

Huntington High School, Newport News, Virginia



Eric R. "Duke" McCaskill is a native of the East End of Newport News, Virginia. He attended the all black Huntington High School. While at Huntington, he made track and field history under the legendary and VIA Hall of Fame Coach, Thaddeus Madden. Eric participated in football and earned honors as an all-district defensive back. But, track was his signature sport. From the 1961 – 1962 school year, as a freshman, he won the state title for both the 120 yard high hurdles and the 180 low hurdles. Eric would then go on to win the title for the next three years. He held records in outdoor high hurdles and low hurdles each year of his high school career. He was also a member of two Championship of America mile relay teams at the Penn Relays in 1963 and 1964. He established a national high school indoor record for the 50 yard high hurdles and another for the indoor 70 yard high hurdles.

Eric was the first Virginian, black or white, to set national records in track and field. He earned a four year scholarship to Purdue University in Lafayette, Indiana. While at Purdue, not only did he continue to excel in athletics, he became a pioneer for the equal treatment of African American students at predominantly white institutions.

Mr. McCaskill helped found the Black Culture Center, which was a result from Mr. McCaskill's 9-point proposal to establish measures for integrative studies on campus. When he arrived at Purdue University, there were only 120 Black students in attendance out of nearly 20,000 students. Even at the risk of losing his scholarship he and others led to the creation of the center. Over the years, the Black Culture Center has grown tremendously. Mr. McCaskill was honored and recognized for his leadership as the founding director.

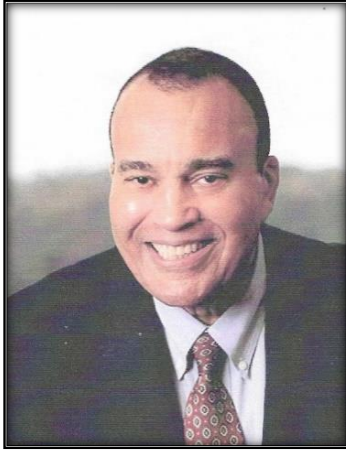
Today, Rev. Dr. Eric McCaskill is the leader of a nonprofit religious organization, "Alpha and Omega Ministry", serving youth in the northern area of Newport News. Along with his wife Duchess, they counsel and mentor countless middle and high school students. His story is one of grit, determination, and breaking down barriers.

Beyond Rev. Dr. Eric McCaskill's impressive and well documented athletic career, his courage to lead in difficult situations and desire to serve and uplift others will always be his defining characteristics and contribution to the community.

# ATHLETE

*Alvin Puryear*

George P. Phenix High School – Hampton, Virginia



Alvin Puryear, PhD. was a University educator, church, civic and community leader, and a distinguished alumni leader at Yale University, as well as a management and governance expert. Above all, he was a devoted husband, proud father and grandfather to his three daughters and two granddaughters.

Alvin Puryear was born in Fayetteville, North Carolina in 1937. His family moved to Hampton, Virginia where he graduated from George P. Phenix High School. At Phenix he was an outstanding student athlete. He was the starting offensive and defensive tackle for the football team and was named to the All-State Team. As captain of the basketball team, Alvin helped lead the team to a 21-1 record. As a distinguished member of the track and field team, Phenix won titles in the shot put and discus throw.

Alvin earned nine varsity letters and remained ranked #1 academically in his class. He graduated as Class Valedictorian in 1955.

After graduation, Alvin accepted a scholarship to Yale University in New Haven, Connecticut. Prior to attending Yale, he decided to enroll at Hampton Institute to enhance his preparation. He would go on to graduate from Yale with All-Ivy honors as a football player and earned his bachelor's degree as an honor graduate in sociology. Alvin was offered a contract by the New York Titans (now New York Jets) to play professionally, but would decide to pursue his education rather than a career playing football.

Alvin attended the Graduate School of Business at Columbia University in New York City, where he earned MBA and PhD degrees in Finance and was a Samuel Bronfman Fellow and a John Hay Whitney Fellow. While in school, Dr. Puryear was an assistant coach for Riverdale Country School with legendary Head Coach Frank Bertino. The team had an undefeated streak of 51 games during Dr. Puryear's five years with the team.

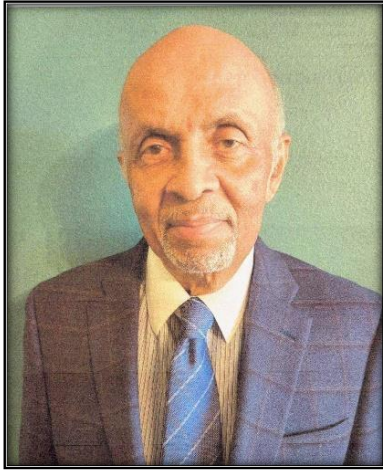
After completing his education, Dr. Puryear worked for Exxon Mobile and Allied Chemical Corporation. He soon transitioned to academia as faculty at the Graduate Business School at Rutgers University in New Brunswick, New Jersey, later moving to the Business School of Bernard Baruch College of the City University of New York (CUNY). Dr. Puryear became a full tenured professor at age 35, one of the youngest to accomplish the feat at CUNY. He held several significant positions at the University during his time there. He was equally as committed to his community and church as he was to his profession and family. He held several positions in the Presbyterian Church to include Chairman of the Program Agency Board; Chairman of the Central Treasury Corporation and Chairman of the Investment and Loan Corporation. Dr. Puryear further maintained a life-long relationship with Yale University, as he served as a Board Member, trustee, and chaired the Association of Yale Alumni.

Dr. Puryear will be remembered as a well-respected academic, coach, athlete and family centered man.

# ATHLETE

*Douglas Smith*

George P. Phenix High School – Hampton, Virginia



A native of Hampton, Virginia Douglas Smith attended George P. Phenix High School from 1957 – 1960. At Phenix, he was known for his athletic skills in tennis and basketball. He was a starting point guard and the captain of the basketball team and a state champion on the tennis team. In 1960, he was named the Tidewater Sports Club 'Most Valuable Player' and a first time All-Star. That same year, he reached the finals of the Boys' Tennis Singles State Championship, losing only to Arthur Ashe.

After graduating from Phenix High School, Douglas attended Hampton Institute, majoring in mathematics. While attending Hampton, he was a member of the University's CIAA Championship Tennis Teams in 1962 and 1964. Upon graduation, Douglas entered the U.S. Army as a commissioned officer. He served as a Battery Commander at a nuclear missile site in Fairbanks, Alaska and commanded troops under combat conditions in Vietnam. He was well decorated, earning the Bronze Star with the "V" device for heroism in action, the Purple Heart, and the Army Commendation Medal. Douglas left the army with the rank of Captain.

Returning to civilian life, he pursued a career in journalism, where he would achieve incredible success. Mr. Smith covered super star athletes to include: Julius Erving, Earl Monroe, Walt Frazier and Willis Reed. He also edited and updated Arthur Ashe's three volume book, published in 1988. In 2001, in collaboration with Tennis Pro Zina Garrison, wrote her autobiography. Mr. Smith would also serve as a distinguished Professor of Journalism at Hampton University, where he taught basic journalism and sports writing.

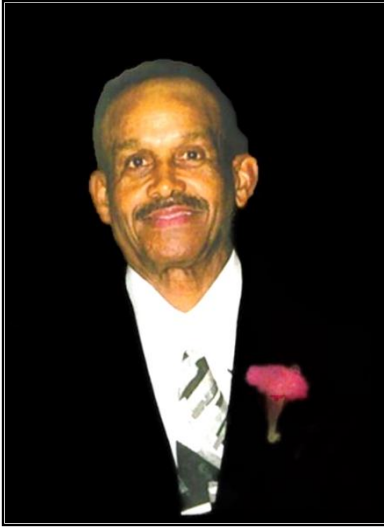
His career would cover multiple decades, where he was writer and editor for very influential newspapers such as, Newsday, the New York Post, and USA Today. Mr. Smith broke several significant stories in the sports world such as, Arthur Ashe having contracted AIDS, the death of Len Bias, and copious cover stories of tennis greats to include, Andre Agassi, Jennifer Capriati, Pete Sampras and Venus and Serena Williams. His work earned him several awards, including the U.S. Tennis Association Life Achievement Award, the Women's Tennis Association Media Person of the Year, and Tennis Week Great American Writing Award. Mr. Smith is also an acclaimed nonfiction writer.

Those who know Mr. Smith best say, he lived each day of his life so that his life would be an example of caring, kindness, compassion, and quality for those who came in contact with him. He believed, "our lives should do the singing" and that he was to be a role model to those in his community, on the job, in the classroom and on the basketball and tennis courts. Mr. Smith was a steadfast, focused, reliable, honest and courteous man.

# COACH

*Walter "Rock" Greene*

Jackson P. Burley High School – Charlottesville, Virginia



Walter "Rock" Greene was an incredible coach, mentor, and teacher at Jackson P. Burley High School in Charlottesville, Virginia. Coach Greene also worked at several schools in the District of Columbia Public School System (DCPS). He began his coaching career at Jackson P. Burley High School in 1957 as an assistant basketball and football coach. He also taught Physical Education and became the Head Baseball Coach from 1960 – 1963.

Coach Greene's teams achieved success as champions at the district and state level. Possibly even greater than his coaching and mentoring contributions at Burley High, were his being known for his great character and presence. He was a stern disciplinarian, yet his students saw him as always being a gentleman who was well loved, patient, compassionate, nurturing, encouraging, and respectful.

In 1963, at the request of Lemuel A. Penn, Assistant Superintendent of Adult Vocational Education for DCPS, Coach Greene left Burley High to return to his alma mater and teach Physical Education and coach basketball. At Phelps Vocational High School and later at the Washington Math and Science Technology Public Charter High School, Coach Greene continued to make an indelible impact on the students, athletes, staff, and families he worked with.

Coach Greene was recognized by several communities in Delaware, Washington DC, and Charlottesville, Virginia for his sports contributions. In 1986, the Delaware State Hall of Fame inducted him into their ranks for his success as a four year letterman in basketball, football, baseball, and track and field. He earned all-conference honors in football and baseball while at Delaware State University. In 2000, he was inducted into the District of Columbia Coaches Association Sports Hall of Fame. In 2007, he was inducted into the Phelps Vocational High School Athletic Hall of Fame. In 2010, he was honored alongside three other Burley High School coaches for outstanding performance. A Historical Marker was unveiled for the Walter "Rock" Greene and Albert "AP" Moore Gymnasium in 2010 on the campus of historical Jackson P. Burley High School (now Burley Middle School). In 2020 Coach Greene was inducted into the Black College Football Hall of Fame.

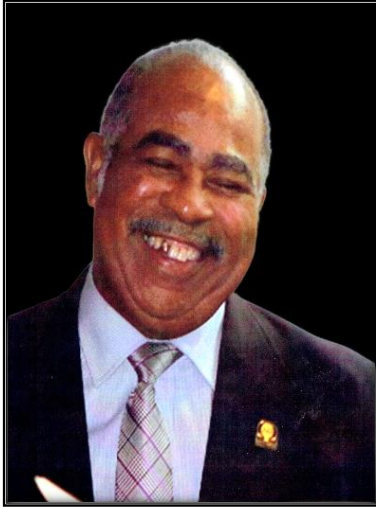
Coach Greene will be remembered as a soft spoken man of God, who always got his point across without screaming or yelling. He was a one of a kind leader and a successful high school coach who was blessed with the ability to nurture, listen, encourage and lead without intimidation.



# COACH

*Thomas Hooker*

Southside High School – Dinwiddie, Virginia



Thomas Hooker was born in Raleigh, North Carolina as the youngest of seven children to Nathaniel Hooker Sr., and Della Hooker. Thomas is a beloved father, grandfather and husband. He has dedicated his life to service and education. He is a 1958 graduate of Berry O'Kelly High School, where he was known as an exceptional athlete. He is a 1962 graduate of Shaw University in Raleigh, North Carolina where he earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Health and Physical Education and a minor in Biology. Thomas played baseball and basketball while at Shaw University.

Mr. Hooker began his career teaching Health and Physical Education and coaching baseball and basketball at L.P. Jackson High School in Surry County. In 1965, he moved to Southside High School in Dinwiddie County. Southside High School was the only high school for African American students at the time in Dinwiddie County. At Southside, his teams posted exceptional records, winning multiple state championships. It was proclaimed that the road to the title went through Southside. When the schools integrated in 1970, he stayed at the school which was renamed, Dinwiddie County Junior High School.

In 1972, Mr. Hooker earned a Masters of Education in Supervision and Administration from Virginia State University. He accepted the position of assistant principal at Dinwiddie County Junior High School in 1972. Mr. Hooker was an educator in Dinwiddie County for 20 years, and during this time, he touched the lives and made an impact on countless students of all races and ethnic backgrounds, as well as their families.

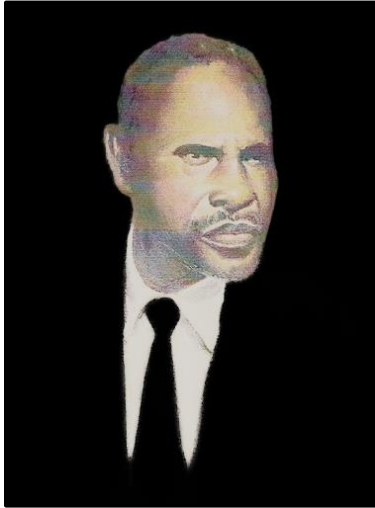
In 1985, Mr. Hooker transitioned to Prince George County Public Schools as an assistant principal, and was eventually promoted to the assistant superintendent. He would retire from the school district in 1999. He worked part time as the Business Development Officer for the Bank of McKenney. He is a dedicated citizen in the community of Dinwiddie County where he serves on numerous Boards and Commissions to include: Dinwiddie County Youth Commission, Dinwiddie County Airport Authority, Dinwiddie County Strategic Planning Committee, Historic Southside High School Task Force Committee, and the Dinwiddie County Industrial Development Authority. He is also a member of the St. Stephens Lodge #247, 32nd Degree, where he serves as treasurer, the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Incorporated and serves on the Board of Trustees Ministry at Olive Branch Baptist Church.

Mr. Hooker will always be remembered as a gentleman, educator and a coach that inspired everyone that he encountered.

# COACH

*Louis Johnson*

Parker-Gray High School – Alexandria, Virginia



Louis Johnson was born in Lynchburg, Virginia and grew up in Charlottesville, Virginia, where he attended Jefferson High School. After graduation, he attended Hampton Institute for two years and transferred to West Virginia State College. Louis was a tri-sport athlete playing football, tennis, and was on the gymnastics team. He graduated in 1936, earning a Bachelor of Science degree in Physical Education. After graduating, he taught at the Institute High School in West Virginia and also coached football at West Virginia State College.

For over two decades, Coach Johnson coached football, basketball, baseball, and track and field at Parker-Gray High School in Alexandria, Virginia, until the school closed in 1965. During his tenure at Parker-Gray, Coach Johnson produced some of the finest athletes and sports teams in Virginia. His teams regularly competed and won state titles, as well as competitions with teams from Maryland, West Virginia, and Washington D.C. Notably, his 1946 “Dream Team” produced three future Black College All-Americans. Despite the lack of quality facilities, poor funding, and small enrollment he created an environment where student athletes excelled and prospered.

Coach Johnson developed future professional athletes who would compete in the National Football League, Canadian Football League, and the National Basketball Association. He was known as a miracle worker for creating an atmosphere of excellence and accountability.

Coach Johnson was a committed husband, dedicated father, and a highly respected person in his community. Known for his high character, he was affectionately called “Rubber Dog” by his peers.

He was inducted into the West Virginia State College Hall of Fame in 1984 and the Alexandria African American Hall of Fame Class of 2013.

# CONTRIBUTOR

*Mary Winston Jackson*

George P. Phenix High School – Hampton, Virginia



Mary Winston Jackson was born on April 21, 1921 in Hampton, Virginia. She grew up in Hampton where she was an honor graduate of George P. Phenix High School. In 1942, Mary earned her Bachelors of Science Degree from Hampton Institute, majoring in Mathematics and Physical Science. At Hampton Institute she became a member of the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated. Immediately following Mary's graduation she took her first job as a teacher at a black school in Calvert County, Maryland. After only a year of teaching math, Mary returned home to Hampton where she worked as a bookkeeper for the Hampton Institute Health Department and as a secretary at Fort Monroe Army installation. It was in 1951, when Mary began her pioneering career in Engineering and employment in the

segregated Laboratory Computing section (West Area Computing) at Langley Memorial Aeronautical Laboratory.

Mary worked in the computing pool for two years until she received an offer to work with the engineers on the 4-foot by 4-foot Supersonic Pressure Tunnel, a 60,000 horsepower wind tunnel capable of blasting models with winds approaching twice the speed of sound. As part of this training program, Mary had to take evening graduate courses. The courses were managed by the University of Virginia at the local white only Hampton High School. She received special permission to take the courses, which she completed, earning her a promotion to be NASA's first Black female engineer in 1958.

As a mathematician and aerospace engineer, Mary went on to lead programs influencing the hiring and promotion of women in NASA's science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics careers. She not only broke down racial barriers for herself, but was a trailblazer for many other Black women to be able to have careers in STEM. Mary's 34 year career is well decorated to include, Apollo Group Achievement Award, Langley's Volunteer of the Year, and the Congressional Gold Medal. Mary's name is honored in several buildings such as Mary W. Jackson Elementary School in Hampton, Virginia and Salt Lake City, Utah. NASA honored her legacy by naming their new Washington Headquarters after her and the newly erected community center in Hampton was named the Mary W. Jackson Neighborhood Center. In 2020, NASA launched a satellite, "Mary", into space.

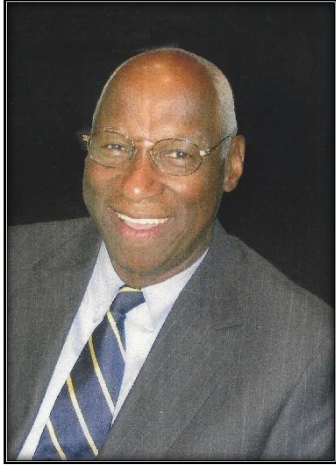
Mary's legacy to the field of engineering despite significant racial barriers is well documented and popularized by the film *Hidden Figures*. To those who knew her well, she will also be remembered as the loving and passionate pillar of the community who used her spare time to lead a Girl Scouts troop for 30 plus years and tutor the local youth in math and science.



# CONTRIBUTOR

*Frank J. Smith*

Armstrong High School – Richmond, Virginia



Frank J. Smith grew up in Richmond, Virginia where he attended Armstrong High School. At Armstrong, he played four years of football and baseball for the Wildcats and was the starting center for four years. He was well regarded not only for his athletic ability, but also his enthusiastic leadership and commitment to building up fellow teammates. Frank's skills earned him a full scholarship to Hampton Institute where he had continued success on the football field as a two way starter for 3.5 years.

Frank was honored as the Most Valuable Player and was the recipient of the Willard Saxby Townsend Trophy, the most distinguished award offered to a Hampton athlete at the time. His dedication to others also continued as he was known to tutor his teammates and ensure they were excelling on the field and in the classroom. Frank credits his upbringing in Richmond and the valuable lessons he gained at Hampton to his success in the very competitive business world.

Immediately after graduating from Hampton Institute, Frank landed his first job at Melpar Incorporated, an engineering firm that worked on a government contract that manufactured the printing of circuit boards for the Minute Man Intercontinental Ballistic Missile System. He finished at the top of his training class, which was composed of some of the brightest graduates from Cal Tech, MIT, Georgia Tech, Virginia Tech, and Hampton Institute. His work earned him membership to the prestigious American Institute of Industrial Engineers and prompted him to pursue his MBA at American University. He would complete his MBA degree while working at Vitro Research Laboratory, which oversaw the systems that launched the Polaris Nuclear Submarine 616 Class Fleet. Frank was also the first African American to be named president of a local chapter of the American Institute of Industrial Engineering.

Frank's success would lead him to East Hartford, Connecticut where he was recruited by United Technologies' Pratt and Whitney Division. There he worked on the TF30 jet engine for F111 fighter planes and JT9D engine for the Boeing 747 jumbo jet. He yet again excelled in this role while maintaining deep ties to his roots as a member of the Hampton Alumni Association Hartford Chapter, where he helped recruit over 100 students to eventually attend Hampton. In 1974, Frank joined Travelers Insurance Company and was soon promoted to the Director of Agency Administration and Agency Management Consulting Division, and eventually, as the first African American Vice President.

Frank is currently the President and CEO for Sphinx, located in Williamsburg, Virginia and is internationally acclaimed by leaders in his field. He has been appointed by two different governors to advisory boards, been the senior advisor on several business firm boards, and has served on many community organizations. Frank's career is marked by significant professional accomplishments, trailblazing efforts, and an overall passion for helping others.