

Bethune Alma Mater

Hail Bethune! our joy and pride
Spread your banner far and wide
You're the greatest in the land
For your ideals we will stand

Hail Bethune! The greatest school
Watch your Cougars ever rule
Royal heirs by your decree
Be our guide, we'll honor thee

Hail Bethune! We love thy name
It will grace the "Hall of Fame"
We will do or die for you
You're our inspiration true

Chorus

Your sons and daughters mighty clan,
The gold and purple colors man
While marching on to victory
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Bethune
1961
Alumni



1973

Bethune 1965 State Champions Baseball Team



1965 Bethune Baseball Team



Bethune History Makers

Cafeteria Staff

(Standing) Annie Datcher, Lillie Jenkins, Elizabeth Alexander, Mary Strogens Gussie Conner,
 Multida Morrow, Murlie Surry and William Payne

(Sitting) Ruth Owens, (Manager) Jennie Lee, Nora Davenport, Annie Bell and Evelyn Valentine,
 (Not Pictured) Ophelia Rasco, Ruth Scott, Mary Terrell and Bertha Johnson, Jamesetta Thompson,
 Olivia Fields, Gloria Anthony and Daisy Powell

Bethune History Makers



Custodial Staff

J. Babers, B. Waddles, A. Griffin, Ed Green, H Sanders, Mattie Bryant, and A. Williams



Bethune First Teaching Staff



Aytch, Mr. Donald M.
Ball, Mr. Timothy
Barrett, Mrs. Sadie Lee
Bilberry, Mrs. Bernadette
Brown, Mrs. Bettie Ruth
Collins, Mrs. Selcy S.
Cooper, Mr. Roscoe
Conway, Mr. Clarence
Douglas, Mrs. Ella D.
Epps, Mrs. Dolzie
Fuller, Miss Elexie N.
Gibbs, Mrs. Olivia
Greene, Jr., Mr. Edward L.
Hodge, Mrs. Lucille
Holt, Mr. Edwin J.

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Howard, Mr. Primous
Jackson, Mrs. Lillian R.
Jackson, Mrs. Mamie M.
James, Mrs. Beatrice J.
Lafitte, Mr. Columbus
Morgan, Mr. Billie V.
Nash, Mr. Murphy
Nelson, Mrs. Minnie Zell
Powell, Mrs. Carolyn S.
Reed, Mrs. Rosetta
Taylor, Mr. Alvin
Taylor, Mrs. Corine C.
Taylor, Mr. Henry W.
Thomton, Mr. Ealie W.
Turner, Mr. Huey P.

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1962-1963 additions to the faculty were: Butler, Mrs. Roberta; Dixon, Mr. H. P.; Houston, Mr. Isaac; Lusk, Mrs. F. W.; Moore, Mr. John; Morris, Mr. Harry; Rye, Mr. George; Timberlake, Mr. Marlin; Williams, Miss Cora; and Woods, Mr. Henry.

1963-1964 additions to the faculty were: Alexander, Mrs. M. (Counselor); Ashley, Mrs. Maxine R.; Bilberry, Mr. Johnnie; Birdsong, Mr. Solomon; Cooper, Miss H. L.; Copes, Mr. Joe L.; Hopkins, Mrs. Beverly D.; London, Mr. Jeff; Nash, Mrs. Betty; McHenry, Mrs. Esther J.; Pamplin, Mr. Isaac; Player, Mrs. Laura; Simmons, Miss Bobbie; Stewart, Miss Roxie; and White, Mrs. Pearl C.

SECRETARIES: Mrs. Nita M. Burton and Mrs. Fannie Reddix



Bethune First PTA



The Bethune Parent-Teacher Association was organized in August, 1961 with offices designated as follows:

President Mrs. Rosetta Hooks
 Vice-president Mrs. Ruby Jackson
 Recording Secretary Mrs. Eubanks
 Corresponding Secretary Mrs. N. Champion
 Treasurer Mrs. Thomas

CHARACTER AND SPIRITUAL EDUCATION...Mrs. M. Seamster
 BUDGET AND FINANCE..... Mrs. I. Staten
 FOUNDER'S DAY..... Mrs. H. Toney
 MEMBERSHIP.....Mrs. V. Dukes
 CITIZENSHIP Mrs. C. W. Hooks
 SCHOOL EDUCATION..... Mrs. Juanita Thomas
 HEALTH and SAFETY..... Mrs. D. Epps
 PROCEDURE BOOK..... Mrs. R. Reed
 HOME and FAMILY LIFE..... Mrs. D. Wilson
 OPPORTUNITIES..... Mr. L. Herndon
 WELFARE Mrs. J. Bullard
 JUVENILE PROTECTION..... Mr. J. Robinson

MAJOR PROJECTS

P.T.A. Founder's Day P.T.A. Homeroom Mother's Drive
 P.T.A. Country Carnival Community Food-Clothes Distribution
 P.T.A. Banquet



Bethune's First Principal

Albert M. Moody



Born on December 13, 1917 in Darlington, LA Albert M. Moody, Sr. was the oldest of nine children born to James M. Moody, Sr and Rosetta Hall Moody. His parents later relocated their family to Baton Rouge, LA Mr Moody attended public schools in Baton Rouge and graduated from McKinley High School. In 1935 Mr. Moody enrolled as a freshman at Southern University. He pledged Omega Psi Phi Fraternity and remained an active member until his death on November 25, 2006. Mr Moody graduated from Southern University in 1939 with a double major in chemistry and mathematics. He later went on to receive his Masters in Science from Teachers College, Columbia University. Mr. Moody served as Asst. Dean of Men at Southern University after graduating from Southern University.

Mr. Moody served for four and a half years in the United States Army. He continued to serve in the Army Reserve and upon his retirement from the Reserves had obtained the rank of Lt. Colonel.

Mr. Moody's first job was as Teacher/Principal of Mulatto Bend Elementary School in West Baton Rouge Parish. Mr Moody married his college sweetheart Estella Martin on May 31, 1941 His wife was from Keithville, La. After several years of marriage the couple relocated to Shreveport, LA. Mr. Moody continued his teaching career at Central Colored High School in Shreveport as a Mathematics Teacher. In 1950 Mr. Moody was appointed to teach Mathematics at Booker T. Washington High School in Shreveport. Mr. Moody was one of the original faculty members at Booker T. Washington High School.

In 1954 Mr. Moody was appointed to serve as Principal of Hollywood Elementary School. He served there with excellence and was then appointed Principal of Bethune High School in 1961. Bethune was a high school from 1961- 1973. Bethune became a middle school in 1973. Mr. Moody served as Principal of Bethune Middle School until his retirement in May 1983.

In 1960 Mr. Moody was the recipient of the "Educator of the Year Award" presented by The Shreveport Times and The Caddo Teachers Association. Mr. Moody received numerous awards for excellence and leadership during his lifetime. He was Lay Leader and Chairman of the Board for his church St. Paul United Methodist Church for many years.

In 1963 Mr. Moody founded the Caddo Parish Teachers Federal Credit Union (CPTFCU). He served with honor and integrity as CEO/Manager/Treasurer of the CPTFCU until his retirement from that position on October 18, 2003.

Mr. Moody was married to the love of his life, Mrs. Estella Moody for 65 years. To this union 2 children were born. Albert M. Moody, Jr. and Tahira (Moody) Abdul-Rahman. They have 6 grandchildren, 7 great-grandchildren, and many beloved nieces and nephews.

Mr. Moody has served as an Educator, Mentor, Role Model, Surrogate Father and Friend to countless individuals. Mr. Moody was a trailblazer who made a difference in the lives of his family, students, colleagues and community. He will be forever loved and missed by those that

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Professional Athletes



Matthew Alexander
Class of 1965
Pittsburg Pirates



Richard Harris
Class of 1966
Philadelphia Eagles



Charles Philyaw
Class of 1972
Oakland Raiders



Freddie Burns
Hall of Fame
Professional Caddy
Hal Sutton

Bethune Cougars

