

FRANK OTHA MOXLEY (1908- 2004)

Dr. Frank O. Moxley, an early pioneer in Kentucky education, was born June 29, 1908 in Bowling Green, Kentucky. In 1958, he was the first African-American to earn a Master's Degree in Psychology and Guidance from Western Kentucky University and in 1974 he received a Doctorate in Psychology from East Coast University/National University.

Dr. Moxley was instrumental in the creation of the guidance counselor position in the Kentucky public school system and was the first African-American to hold that position.

Some of Dr. Moxley's outstanding accomplishments and contributions are as follows:

- 1) Appointed by the Governor to write the state 'Elementary Guidance Program which earned him an award from Morehead University
- 2) Appointed by former Governor Carroll to develop project "*Independence*" for Mayfield, Murray and Paducah Kentucky. A program designed to help seniors become more independent
- 3) Board Member of the local NAACP
- 4) Responsible for the legal services office located in Bowling Green, Kentucky
- 5) Basketball Coach for twenty years at High Street School
- 6) Member, Board of Directors, "South Central Kentucky Minority Economic Development Council
- 7) Inducted into Western Kentucky University's Hall of Distinguished Alumni
- 8) In 1998, at the age of 90, Dr. Moxley was one of the key players who Assisted the city of Bowling Green in qualifying to receive a multi-million Dollar federal grant.
- 9) Pass board member of NAACP (LOCAL AND STATE)

Dr. Moxley's impact on improving the quality of life for individuals throughout the state has been tireless. Because of such efforts, Dr. Moxley has been honored by the City of Bowling Green with a gymnasium named in his honor and has received the Anderson Laureate Award.

