

Frequently Asked Questions & Answers

About Tuskegee University

Q: Who was the first principal of Tuskegee University?

A: *Booker T. Washington (1881-1915)*

Q: Who were the instructors who came to Tuskegee in 1882?

A: *Olivia A. Davidson and John W. Cardwell*

Q: What trades were taught at Tuskegee University in 1883?

A: *brick making, carpentry, printing, black-smithing, housekeeping and sewing.*

Q: What was the name of the first building erected on the campus and what did it serve as?

A: *1881, served as the Administration Building*

Q: What was the first dormitory built at Tuskegee University?

A: *Alabama Hall*

Q: What year was Alabama Hall completed and who was able to reside there?

A: *1885, women.*

Q: What was the first male dormitory and what year was it completed?

A: *Armstrong Hall, 1888*

Q: What year did Tuskegee University establish the first Nurse Training School?

A: *1892*

Q: When did Booker T. Washington publish his book, "Up from Slavery?"

A: *1901*

Q: What is Tompkins Hall and what year was it constructed?

A: *Student's Dining Hall, 1910*

Q: What was the name of Tuskegee University's first hospital and what year was it established?

A: *Institute Hospital, 1892*

Q: What year was John A. Andrew Memorial Hospital erected?

A: *1913*

Q: Who was the second president of Tuskegee University?

A: *Robert R. Moton, (1916-1935)*

Q: What date did the first African students arrive at Tuskegee University?

A: *January 1, 1898*

Q: Who was the first Miss Tuskegee University?

A: *Dorothy D. Gordon of Magnolia, Mississippi*

Q: What was the name of the Industrial Building for Girls?

A: *Dorothy Hall.*

Q: What year did U.S. President William McKinley visit Tuskegee Institute?

A: *1898*

Q: What year was Carnegie Library built?

A: *1902*

Q: What year was Rockefeller Hall built?

A: *1903*

Q: Who were the three trustees that died in 1905?

A: *William H. Baldwin Jr., Lewis Adams and George Campbell*

Q: What year did President Theodore Roosevelt visit Tuskegee University?

A: *1905*

Q: What was the largest donation given to Tuskegee University by an African American in 1907?

A: *Mary E. Shaw gave \$40,000.00*

Q: What year did George W. Carver suggest it was necessary to have a Retirement Fund for the benefit of Teachers who rendered their services to Tuskegee University?

A: *1913*

Q: What year did Booker T. Washington die?

A: *1915*

Q: Who supervised the publication of the first Negro Year Book and in what year?

A: *Monroe Nathan Work, 1912*

Q: When did the students vote in favor of bringing fraternities and sororities to Tuskegee University?

A: *March 17, 1947*

Q: When was the first annual Tuskegee University Parents' Day Observance held?

A: *April 4, 1964*

Q: When was the Tuskegee Negro Farmer's Conference organized?

A: *1890*

Q: Who was the first assistant principal at Tuskegee University?

A: *Olivia Davidson*

Q: What was the name of Tuskegee University from 1881-1887?

A: *Tuskegee State Normal School*

Q: What was the name of Tuskegee University from 1887-1891?

A: *Tuskegee Normal School*

Q: What was the name of Tuskegee University from 1891-1937?

A: *Tuskegee Normal and Industrial Institute*

Q: What was the name of Tuskegee University 1937-1985?

A: *Tuskegee Institute*

Q: What year did Tuskegee Institute become Tuskegee University?

A: *1985*

Q: What year did Dr. Benjamin F. Payton become president of Tuskegee University?

A: *1981.*

Q: What building was renovated to become Kellogg Conference Center?

A: *Dorothy Hall*

Q: What year did President Jimmy Carter designate Tuskegee University as a site for a Job Corps Center?

A: *1979*

Q: What was the cost of room and board at Tuskegee University in 1881?

A: *Six to eight dollars per month*

Q: What age was Booker T. Washington when he died?

A: *fifty-nine years old*

Q: Who was the fourth president of Tuskegee University?

A: *Luther Hilton Foster (1953-1981)*

Q: When was the *Tuskegee Song* first sung?

A: *Commencement, May 1902*

Q: How many students graduated in the first graduating class of Tuskegee University?

A: *Ten students*

Q: What is the oldest building on Tuskegee University campus?

A: *The Band Cottage, 1889*

Q: When was the first Tuskegee Chapel built?

A: *1898*

Q: What was the age for admission to Tuskegee University in 1881?

A: *Fourteen*

Q: When was night school organized at Tuskegee University?

A: *1883*

Q: What year was the Division of Photography added to Tuskegee University?

A: *1917*

Q: Who was the head of the Division of Photography when it was established?

A: *C. M. Battey*

Q: Who was the third president of Tuskegee University?

A: *Frederick Douglass Patterson, (1935-1953)*

Q: Who was the first student to join the division of photography?

A: *Prentiss H. Polk*

Q: Who is the Tuskegee University library named after?

A: *Hollis Burke Frissell (former Hampton University President)*

Q: When was the Student's Army Training Corp established at Tuskegee University?

A: *1919*

Q: Who were the first two African Americans to be honored by the U.S. Government with commemorative half-dollar coins?

A: *Booker T. Washington and George Washington Carver*

Q: What year did the first class graduate from the Tuskegee University Veterinary Medicine program?

A: *1949*

Q: What year did the Tuskegee University Choir perform at the White House?

A: 1962

Q: What year did the Tuskegee Railroad extend to the campus?

A: 1903

Q: What year was the George Washington Carver Foundation established?

A: 1940

Q: What year did Tuskegee University begin a Civilian Pilot Training Program?

A: 1939

Q: When did the United States Congress give Tuskegee University a gift of 25,000 acres of mineral land?

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Q: What year was the Phelps Bible Training School established?

A: 1892

Q: Where did much of the lumber used on the Tuskegee University campus and the community come from?

A: *The school's saw mill*

Q: Who was the supervisor of the music department in 1894?

A: *C. A. White*

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Q: When was Tuskegee University designated as a Registered National Historic Landmark?

A: *April 2, 1966*

Q: Who was the first Dean of the school of Veterinary Medicine?

A: *Frederick D. Patterson*

Q: When was Tuskegee University's first chapel destroyed by a fire?

A: *January 23, 1957*

Q: When did Tuskegee University establish the first movable school?

A: *June 1906*

Q: When was the Agricultural Experiment Station established at Tuskegee University?

A: *September 1896*

Q: When was the inauguration of Robert R. Moton?

A: *May 24, 1916*

Q: When was the Booker T. Washington monument unveiled?

A: *April 5, 1922*

Q: Which two prominent Tuskegee University individuals were honored on U.S. Postage stamp?

A: *Booker T. Washington and George Washington Carver*

Q: What was the name of Booker T. Washington's horse?

A: *Dexter*

Q: What were the names of Booker T. Washington's wives?

A: *Fannie A. Smith, Olivia A. Davidson and Margaret James Murray*

Q: What was Booker T. Washington's middle name?

A: *Taliaferro*

Q: What is the name of Booker T. Washington's home?

A: *The Oaks, 1899*

Q: What year did Grey Columns become the home of Tuskegee's Presidents?

A: 1985

Q: Who wrote the Tuskegee Song?

A: *Paul H. Dunbar, 1906*

Q: How many SIAC Championships has the Tuskegee University football team won?

A: *Ten*

Q: Who was Tuskegee University's first Olympic gold medalist?

A: *Alice Coachman Davis, high jump, 1948*

Q: What Tuskegee University graduate started Voorhees College?

A: *Elizabeth Wright*

Q: What Tuskegee graduate was the first African American Four Star Air Force General?

A: *General Daniel "Chappie" James*

Q: What Tuskegee University graduate wrote the book "*Black Boy*"?

A: *Richard Wright*

Q: What Tuskegee University graduate wrote the book "*South to a very Old Place*"?

A: *Albert Murray*

Q: Who is Tuskegee University Alumni Bowl named after?

A: *Cleve Abbott*

Q: What Grammy award-winning entertainer graduated from Tuskegee University?

A: *Lionel Richie, 1974*

Q: What famous radio personality graduated from Tuskegee University?

A: *Tom Joyner, 1971*

Q: Who were Tuskegee University's official photographers?

A: *C. M. Battey, Bedou, P. H. Polk and Chester Higgins, Jr.*

Q: What group of black pilots was established at Tuskegee University and what year?

A: *Tuskegee Airmen, 1942*

Q: Who established the Department of Records and Research and in what year?

A: *Monroe Work, 1908*

Q: Which of the five presidents is responsible for establishing The United Negro College Fund?

A: *D. Frederick D. Patterson, "A Mind Is A Terrible Thing To Waste"*

Q: What are the official colors of Tuskegee University?

A: *They are crimson and old gold and were adopted on April 3, 1902*

Q: Who was the fifth president of Tuskegee University?

A: *Benjamin Franklin Payton, (1981-2010)*

Q: Who was Thomas M. Campbell?

A: *Tuskegee University graduate, appointed the first Black Agriculture Extension Agent in the United States, November 12, 1906.*

Q: How many acres were given by Tuskegee University to secure a U. S. Veterans Hospital and what year?

A: *Three hundred acres, 1923*

Q: What are the chancel windows?

A: *Stained glass that depicts eleven of the spirituals*

Q: When did students start marching to chapel?

A: *Every Sunday morning until 1957*

Q: What was the title of the last speech delivered by Booker T. Washington at Tuskegee University?

A: *"Teamwork"*

Q: What are the names of the Tuskegee University Presidents who presented the principal address at the Lincoln Memorial?

A: *Dr. Robert Russa Moton, May 30, 1922 and Dr. Benjamin F. Payton, May 30, 2009*

Q: Who is Andrew F. Brimmer?

A: *Chairman of the Board of Trustees for Tuskegee University since 1983 (Member since 1965)*

Q: How long did Dr: Benjamin F. Payton serve as president?

A: *28 years*

Q: What years did George Wallace serve as a member of Tuskegee University's Board of Trustees?

A: *1950-1952*

Q: Which church, now located in the community, began on Tuskegee University's campus?

A: *St: Andrew's Episcopal Church (Organized 1912 in Collis P. Huntington Hall).*