

Omega Curtis Parker

Class of 1954



Omega Curtis Parker, a Durham native, is the twelfth of thirteen children of John L. and Kitty Ola Curtis. She attended W. G. Pearson and J. A. Whitted Schools prior to graduation from Hillside High in the class of 1954.

Mrs. Parker received her Bachelor of Arts Degree from North Carolina Central University in 1958 and Her Master of Science in Library Science from the same institution in 1965. She began her professional Career in 1959 as a Teacher/Librarian at Berkley High School in Aberdeen NC. She then went on to teach Elementary French at Central High School from 1960-1961. She was a teacher and librarian at Little River High School in Bahama, NC from 1962 until 1969 when she was named Media Coordinator at Little River holding that post until 2002. From 2002 until 2006 she was a substitute teacher in 28 Durham public schools ranging from Pre K up to the 12th grade.

Currently Mrs. Parker is representing District 1 of the Durham Public Schools Board of Education where she was first elected in 2006.

Mrs. Parker has been and remains actively involved in organizations and activities the Durham community. She is a member of St Mark A.M.E. Zion Church where she is a member of the Steward Board. She is a Life Member of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. where she has served as Durham Alumnae Chapter President, Parliamentarian, and Journalist. She is a member of Charms, Inc. where she is currently serving as National Historian and has served in the past as National President and National Parliamentarian. She has also served as President, Vice President, Recording Secretary, Corresponding Secretary, Financial Secretary and Treasurer of the Durham Chapter of Charms.

Mrs. Parker is a former member of the Progressive Sertoma Club. She also is a Member of Tau Gamma Delta Sorority where she has served as President and Southern Regional Director. She has also had memberships with the North Carolina Librarian's Association, the Durham County Teachers' Association, The Durham County Association of Educators, The North Carolina Association of Educators, Student U Advisory Board, ReadSeed, Inc., and the Durham County Mental Health Association.

Mrs. Parker currently resides in Durham with her husband, J. Quinton to whom she has been married for fifty-four years. Quinton is a graduate of the Hillside High School in the class of 1953. They are the parents of two adult children, a son and a daughter and four grandchildren.

The National Alumni Association of Hillside High School Salutes one of its own – Omega Curtis Parker