

OTHAR WOODARD, JR.
Distinguished Graduate
W. A. Pattillo High School Class of 1968



Othar Woodard, Jr. is a 1968 graduate of W. A. Pattillo High School. He is also a 1972 graduate of the University of North Carolina at Greensboro with a Bachelor of Arts degree in psychology. He has attended graduate school at East Carolina in the Child Development and Family Relations Programs.

Othar retired from Edgecombe-Nash Mental Health Center in 2005 after serving thirty-two in the Children Services Program. His tenure included service as an Outpatient Therapist, Psychological Assistant, Clinical Social Worker, and School Consultant. After advancing to a Human Services Coordinator position, he served as director of an at-risk group home for emotionally disturbed and aggressive adolescents for almost twenty (20) years. Later he became the Children Services Program Coordinator of the entire At-Risk Children's Program and supervised at-risk case managers and mentors and contracted all at-risk services.

Othar has a vast array of community service. He is a past Chairperson of Community Enrichment Organization Board of Directors, served as a Member of the Executive Committee of Upper Coastal Plain Region L Council of Governments Board of Directors for Edgecombe County, a Board Member, Board Vice Chair and Board Chair of Northeast Carolina Prep School, Chairperson of the Board of Talks Mentoring Eastern Shore, a member of Edgecombe County Human Services Board, Vice Chair of Edgecombe County DSS Advisory Board, a Member of the Board of Directors of Fountain Youth Development Center, a Member of Edgecombe County Veteran's Military Museum Board, a member of Golden Kiwanis Club in Tarboro a member of Golden Kiwanis Club Board of Directors and a Member of Edgecombe County's Health Department Advisory Board.

He is a five-term elected official of Tarboro Town Council, representing Ward 1 and a two-term Mayor Pro Tem. To his credit he received awards as Mental Health Professional of the Year in 1989, Certificate of Appreciation for serving as a Field Instructor in Social Work from North Carolina State University, 1988-1989, Community Enrichment Organization Outstanding Leadership Award in 2007 and the Edgecombe County Human Services Board Service Award in 2021.