



Board of Directors
2026 – 2030

John Lilly – President <i>UF/IFAS Extension, University of Florida</i> <i>(Retired)</i>	Eugene L. Vickers, Sr - Vice President <i>U.S. Army Edgewood Chemical Biological Ctr.</i> <i>(Retired)</i>
Rockney Carter – Secretary <i>Carter Empowerment Services (CES), Inc.</i>	Tracy L. Curry – Treasurer <i>Luster National, Inc. (Atlanta Office)</i> <i>City of Atlanta Government (Retired)</i>
Thaddeus L. Smith - Sergeant at Arms <i>Director Turner Construction</i> <i>Miami, Florida</i>	Billy Pearson – Immediate Past President <i>General Electric Aviation</i> <i>Auburn, Alabama</i>
Howard Gilmore – Director <i>United States Army (Retired)</i>	Tim Mays – Director <i>Miami-Dade County Public Schools (Retired)</i>
Roosevelt Jordan – Director <i>Powerhouse Properties Restored Inc. (Owner)</i> <i>Atlanta Police Department (Retired)</i>	Wanda Burgess – Director <i>U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (Retired)</i>
Willie Chavers – Director <i>Clark Construction Company</i>	Joe Eatman – Director <i>Environmental ², LLC (Owner)</i>
Larry Bradley - Director	Anita McClain - Director
John Darrington - Director	Thomas Grant- Director
Leonard G. Lewis – Director <i>Georgia Department of Labor</i> <i>Unisys Corporation (Retired)</i>	

Skegee Golden Tigers, Inc. (SGT) is a Georgia based, non-profit 501(c)(3) organization that encouraging higher education.



Board Member 2026 – 2030

HISTORY

Skegee Golden Tigers (SGT) was established on **February 15, 2012**.

The founders of SGT were Roosevelt Jordan, Ken Woodard, Leonard Lewis, Ronald Gilmore, Billy Pearson, Charlayne Turner, Wanda Burgess, Willie Chavers, Tim Mays, Freeman Cooper and Joe Eatman.

The mission of SGT is provides scholarships as well as leadership development opportunities for highly motivated students with limited financial resources.

In 2015 the SGT established the **SGT Football Memorial Scholarship Awards**. The annual awards are given during the Tuskegee University President Essay Contest and Awards Programs to honor the legacy of Golden Tigers Football.

In 2016, SGT adopted bylaws; elected officers; and was incorporated in the state of Georgia as Skegee Golden Tigers, Inc.

Skegee Golden Tigers, Inc. was granted 501(c) (3) Non-Profit Status on March 10, 2016.

In 2019 - Skegee Golden Tigers Memorial Football [Endowment Scholarship](#) was established to benefit Golden Tigers Football student-athletes at Tuskegee University. The endowment scholarship, a Legacy to Golden Tigers Football Alumni, was funded with \$25,000 that was raised thru donations and fundraisers coordinated by SGT Board of Directors. SGT Board of Directors when the endowment was established was: Willie Chavers (President), Eugene Vickers, Sr. (Vice President), Roosevelt Jordan (Secretary) Joe Eatman (Treasurer) Tim Mays (Sargent at Arms), Charlayne Turner (Director), Howard Gilmore (Director), Rockney K. Carter (Director), Wanda Burgess (Director), Leonard G. Lewis (Director), Joe Eatman (Director), Tim Mays (Director), and Oscar O. Smith (Director).

In 2021, Skegee Golden Tigers, Inc. established a second scholarship program with Tuskegee University. The new [book scholarships program](#) will benefit both women and men student-athletes at Tuskegee University. Additionally in 2021, 2021-2024 BOD Officers were elected. Billy Pearson was elected the 3rd President of Skegee Golden Tigers, INC. Also, elected were Howard Gilmore (Vice President), Rockney K. Carter (Secretary), Roosevelt Jordan (Treasurer), Wanda Burgess (Sargent at Arms), Leonard G. Lewis (Director), Joe Eatman (Director), Tim Mays (Director), Eugene Vickers, Sr. (Director), Oscar O. Smith (Director).

Skegee Golden Tigers, Inc. (SGT) is a Georgia based, non-profit 501(c)(3) organization that encouraging higher education.



Board Member 2026 – 2030

In 2022, SGT Memorial Football Endowment Scholarship surpasses \$42,000 in Corpus Balance. Thaddeus R. Smith elected to the board of directors.

In 2023, SGT Endowment Scholarship corpus balance plus 2023 homecoming designated funds was \$65,000.

In 2024, Willie Chaves re-joined the board of directors along with Tracy L. Curry. SGT Annual HC Fundraiser netted \$10,000.00 that was applied to the Endowment Fund.

In 2025, SGT added three new members to the BOD: John Lilly, Larry Bradley and Anita McClain. Also, in 2025 SGT hosted the 2025 HC Tailgate Fundraiser off the campus of Tuskegee University. SGT donated \$5000.00 to the Endowment Scholarship with the help of donations received.

In 2026, the 2026-2030 BOD Officers were elected. John Lilly was elected the 4rd President of Skegee Golden Tigers, INC. Also, elected were Eugene Vickers (Vice President), Rockney K. Carter (Secretary), Tracy L. Curry (Treasurer), Thaddeus R. Smith (Sargent at Arms). John Darrington and Thomas Grant were elected to the BOD as directors. The following members continue to serve as directors on the BOD: Billy Pearson, Howard Gilmore, Roosevelt Jordan, Joe Eatman, Tim Mays, Leonard G. Lewis, Willie Chavers, Wanda Burgess, Larry Bradley and Anita McClain.

The corpus balance of SGT Memorial Football Endowment Scholarship surpasses \$80K.

Skegee Golden Tigers, Inc. (SGT) is a Georgia based, non-profit 501(c)(3) organization that encouraging higher education.

skeegegoldentigers.org | P. O. Office Box 640025 East Point, GA 30364 | info@skeegegoldentigers.org

SKEGEE

GOLDEN TIGERS, INC.

Partnering for Student Success

Board Member **2026 – 2030**



John Lilly
Vice President

John Lilly is a retired Extension Director and 4-H Agent from the University of Florida's Jefferson County office, proudly serving for 38 years.

Mr. Lilly holds a Bachelor's Degree in Agricultural Education from Tuskegee University (1985) and a Master's Degree in the same field from Florida A&M University (1991).

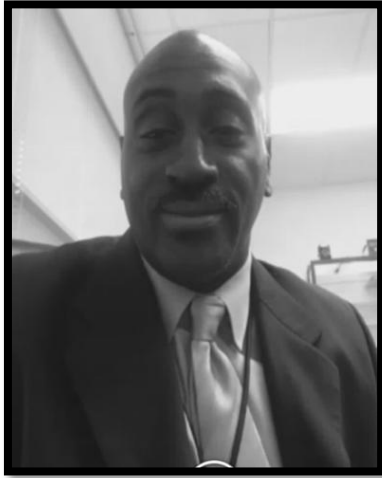
Mr. Lilly currently serve as President of Skegee Golden Tigers, Inc. BOD (2026-2030). He has served on BOD since 2025.

Now enjoying retirement, Mr. Lilly spends his time surrounded by family and nurturing his love for gardening—a lifelong passion that continues to grow.

Skegee Golden Tigers, Inc. (SGT) is a Georgia based, non-profit 501(c)(3) organization that encouraging higher education.

skeeggoldentigers.org | P. O. Office Box 640025 East Point, GA 30364 | info@skeeggoldentigers.org

Board Member
2026 – 2030



Eugene L. Vickers, Sr.
Vice President

Eugene L. Vickers, Sr. is currently employed with the U.S. Army Edgewood Chemical Biological Center. Mr. Vickers has worked as a chemist with the agency and is currently a Supervisory Chemist.

Mr. Vickers received a Bachelor of Science degree (Chemistry) from Tuskegee University (Institute) in 1982; a Master in Chemistry from Drexel University in 1996; and a Master in Business Administration from Loyola College of Maryland in 2002.

Mr. Vickers has served on SGT Board since 2013 and currently serve as Vice President of the BOD (2026-2030) and chair of the Scholarship Committee. He previously served as Vice President of the Board of Directors from 2018-2020.

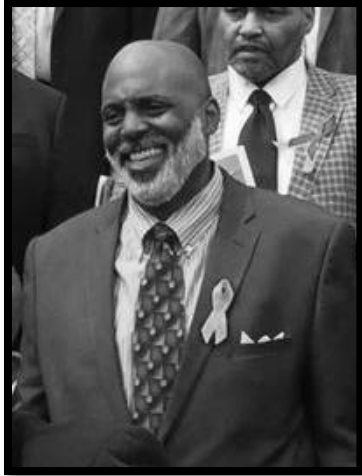
In his personal life, Mr. Vickers enjoys traveling with family and serving as a college referee official.

SKEGEE

GOLDEN TIGERS, INC.

Partnering for Student Success

Board Member **2026 – 2030**



Rockney K. Carter
Secretary

Rockney K. Carter is the owner of Carter Empowerment Services, Inc. (C.E.S, Inc.). C.E.S. specializes in Consulting, Tax Preparation, Accounting, Legal System Access and Catering. Mr. Carter has been an entrepreneur for over 25 years.

Mr. Carter received a Bachelor of Science in Accounting and a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration from Tuskegee University (Institute) in 1982.

Mr. Carter has served on SGT Board since 2015. He currently serves as Secretary and is a member of the Finance Committee. Mr. Carter previously served as Chairman of F&B Committee (Interim) and Asst. Secretary.

In his personal life, Mr. Carter enjoys spending time with family and being a caregiver for his mother.

Skegee Golden Tigers, Inc. (SGT) is a Georgia based, non-profit 501(c)(3) organization that encouraging higher education.

skeegegoldentigers.org | P. O. Office Box 640025 East Point, GA 30364 | info@skeegegoldentigers.org

Board Member
2026 – 2030



Tracy L. Curry
Treasurer

Tracy L. Curry is currently employed by Luster National, Inc., engineering and consulting firm (Atlanta Office) as the Finance Director managing nearly \$26.5 Billion for the Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) road and bridges upgrade project. Additional, she has retired from the City of Atlanta after 23 years of service in various financial management roles where she managed over \$10 Billion for the General and Enterprise Funds (Airport and Watershed Management). Ms. Curry has worked in the public and private finance industry for over 25 years.

Ms. Curry received a Bachelor of Science degree (Accounting and Economics) from Tuskegee University (Institute) in 1983 and a Master in Business Administration (Finance and Accounting) from Shorter University (Atlanta Campus) in 2008. Ms. Curry is a financially active member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated. She is a Life Member and has served for 39 years in various leadership roles and activities.

Ms. Curry currently serve as Treasurer (2026-2030) and has served on the SGT Board since 2024.

In her personal life, Ms. Curry enjoys playing with her cats, community service activities with her sorority and spending time with family and friends.

SKEGEE

GOLDEN TIGERS, INC.

Partnering for Student Success

Board Member **2026 – 2030**



Thaddeus R. Smith
Sergeant at Arms

Thaddeus R. Smith is currently employed with Turner Construction in Miami, Florida. Mr. Smith has 36 years of experience in the Construction Industry and currently serves as Senior Project Manager.

Mr. Smith earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Construction in 1984 from Tuskegee University. Mr. Smith was selected to be a member of the Tuskegee University Athletic Hall of Fame (2022).

Mr. Smith was appointed to SGT Board in January of 2022.

In his personal life, Mr. Smith enjoys spending time with family.

Skegee Golden Tigers, Inc. (SGT) is a Georgia based, non-profit 501(c)(3) organization that encouraging higher education.

skeeggoldentigers.org | P. O. Office Box 640025 East Point, GA 30364 | info@skeeggoldentigers.org

SKEGEE
GOLDEN TIGERS, INC.
Partnering for Student Success

Board Member
2026 – 2030



Billy Pearson
Director

Billy Pearson is currently employed with General Electric Aviation in Auburn, Alabama.

Mr. Pearson has specialized in management and operations for over 30 years for several large companies.

Mr. Pearson majored in Business Administration and Management at Tuskegee Institute (1975-1981).

Mr. Pearson has served on SGT Board since 2012. He served as President of the Board of Directors from 2021-2026;; Vice President from 2016-2018; and Site & Safety Committee Chair since 2012

In his personal life, Mr. Pearson enjoys spending time with family.

Skegee Golden Tigers, Inc. (SGT) is a Georgia based, non-profit 501(c)(3) organization that encouraging higher education.

skeegegoldentigers.org | P. O. Office Box 640025 East Point, GA 30364 | info@skeegegoldentigers.org

SKEGEE

GOLDEN TIGERS, INC.

Partnering for Student Success

Board Member **2026 – 2030**



Howard Gilmore
Director

Howard Gilmore retired from the United States Army after more than 32 years of service. He attained the rank of first sergeant (1SG). Mr. Gilmore is currently employed with The Home Depot Distribution Center in Alabama.

Mr. Gilmore received an Associate of Arts degree in Business from Central Texas College in 2009.

Mr. Gilmore has served on SGT Board since 2013. He served as Vice President from 2021-2026 and is currently Chairman of the Food & Beverage Committee.

In his personal life, Mr. Gilmore enjoys music and spending time with family.

Skegee Golden Tigers, Inc. (SGT) is a Georgia based, non-profit 501(c)(3) organization that encouraging higher education.

skeeggoldentigers.org | P. O. Office Box 640025 East Point, GA 30364 | info@skeeggoldentigers.org

Board Member
2026 – 2030



Roosevelt Jordan
Director

Roosevelt Jordan is a retired Atlanta Police Department Officer (APD). His career with APD spanned over 27-year as a law-enforcement. Mr. Jordan is also a Real Estate Investor and specializes in the acquisition and renovation of properties. Jordan most recent real estate investments include the renovation of multiple single-family properties in Tuskegee, AL.

Mr. Jordan received a Bachelor of Science degree (Industrial Arts) from Tuskegee University (Institute) in 1982. Mr. Jordan is a member of the Tuskegee University Athletic Hall of Fame (2017).

Mr. Jordan has served on SGT Board since 2012. He served as the Secretary of the Board of Directors from 2016 – 2020; and Treasurer from 2021-2026.

In his personal life, Mr. Jordan enjoys spending time with family and restoring antique cars.

SKEGEE

GOLDEN TIGERS, INC.

Partnering for Student Success

Board Member **2026 – 2030**



Wanda Burgess
Director

Wanda Burgess is currently employed with the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs with more than 24 years of service with the VA. Additionally, she serves as a Local Union President with the VA. Ms. Burgess served in the military from 1983-91.

Mr. Burgess received a Bachelor of Science degree (Physical Therapy) from Tuskegee University (Institute) in 1983.

Mr. Burgess has served on SGT Board since 2012. She has served on the Communication Committee since 2014 and currently served as Sergeant at Arm from 2021-2026.

In her personal life, Ms. Burgess enjoys visiting with her family.

Skegee Golden Tigers, Inc. (SGT) is a Georgia based, non-profit 501(c)(3) organization that encouraging higher education.

skeeggoldentigers.org | P. O. Office Box 640025 East Point, GA 30364 | info@skeeggoldentigers.org



Board Member
2026 – 2030

Joe Eatman is the owner of Environmental ², LLC (E²). E² specializes in soil and ecological consulting.

Mr. Eatman received a Bachelor of Science degree from Tuskegee University (Institute) in 1983; and a Master Science from Tuskegee University (Institute) in 1985.

Mr. Eatman has served on SGT Board since 2012. Mr. Eatman previously served as Chairman of Fundraising Committee and Treasurer of the Board of Directors.

In his personal life, Mr. Eatman enjoys concerts and spending time with family.



Joe Eatman
Director

Skegee Golden Tigers, Inc. (SGT) is a Georgia based, non-profit 501(c)(3) organization that encouraging higher education.

skeegegoldentigers.org | P. O. Office Box 640025 East Point, GA 30364 | info@skeegegoldentigers.org

SKEGEE

GOLDEN TIGERS, INC.

Partnering for Student Success

Board Member **2026 – 2030**

Tim Mays is a retired Educator and Coach. Mr. Mays retired from Miami-Dade County Public Schools Office of Economic Opportunity after 28 years of service. Mr. Mays also coached track and field for 16 years with MDCPS.

Mr. Mays received a Bachelor of Science degree (Business Administration) from Tuskegee University (Institute) in 1982.

Mr. Mays has served on SGT Board since 2012. Mr. Mays previously served as Chairman of F&B Committee and Sergeant at Arms.

In his personal life, Mr. Mays enjoy farming and spending time with family.



Tim Mays
Director

Skegee Golden Tigers, Inc. (SGT) is a Georgia based, non-profit 501(c)(3) organization that encouraging higher education.

skeegegoldentigers.org | P. O. Office Box 640025 East Point, GA 30364 | info@skeegegoldentigers.org



**Board Member
2026 – 2030**

Leonard G. Lewis is currently employed with the GA Department of Labor in the Information Technology Division. Mr. Lewis has worked in Information technology in public and private industry for over 30 years.

Mr. Lewis received a Bachelor of Science degree (Computer Science in Mathematics) from Tuskegee University (Institute) in 1981 and a Master in Business Administration (Decision Sciences) from Atlanta University Graduate School of Business in 1984. He is a former board member of the Tuskegee University National Athletic Association, a former officer of the Dekalb County Tuskegee Alumni Association, and a member of the Tuskegee University Athletic Hall of Fame (2013). Lewis served as Chairman of the Tuskegee University Athletic Hall of Fame (2021-2024).



Leonard G. Lewis
Director

Mr. Lewis has served on SGT Board since 2012. He served as the first President of the Board of Directors from 2016-2018. Also, he has served as Communication Committee Chair since 2012.

In his personal life, Mr. Lewis enjoys spending time with family and supporting Tuskegee University.

Skegee Golden Tigers, Inc. (SGT) is a Georgia based, non-profit 501(c)(3) organization that encouraging higher education.

skeeggoldentigers.org | P. O. Office Box 640025 East Point, GA 30364 | info@skeeggoldentigers.org



**Board Member
2026 – 2030**

Willie Chavers is currently employed with Clark Construction Company in the Greater Detroit Area. Mr. Chavers has served as a Vice President, Project Manager & Superintendent in the Construction Industry since 1985.

Mr. Chavers received a Bachelor of Science degree (Construction Management) from Tuskegee University (Institute) in 1983.

Mr. Chavers served as President of the Board of Directors (2018-2020). He served as Treasurer of the Board of Directors from 2016-2018. Mr. Chavers served on SGT Board from 2012-2020 and rejoined the board in 2024.

In his personal life, Mr. Chavers enjoy traveling & spending time with his family.



Willie Chavers
Director

Skegee Golden Tigers, Inc. (SGT) is a Georgia based, non-profit 501(c)(3) organization that encouraging higher education.

skeegegoldentigers.org | P. O. Office Box 640025 East Point, GA 30364 | info@skeegegoldentigers.org



Board Member
2026 – 2030

Larry Bradley

Director

Skegee Golden Tigers, Inc. (SGT) is a Georgia based, non-profit 501(c)(3) organization that encouraging higher education.

skeegegoldentigers.org | P. O. Office Box 640025 East Point, GA 30364 | info@skeegegoldentigers.org



Board Member
2026 – 2030

Anita McClain

Director

Skegee Golden Tigers, Inc. (SGT) is a Georgia based, non-profit 501(c)(3) organization that encouraging higher education.

skeegegoldentigers.org | P. O. Office Box 640025 East Point, GA 30364 | info@skeegegoldentigers.org



Board Member
2026 – 2030

John Darrington

Director

Skegee Golden Tigers, Inc. (SGT) is a Georgia based, non-profit 501(c)(3) organization that encouraging higher education.

skeegegoldentigers.org | P. O. Office Box 640025 East Point, GA 30364 | info@skeegegoldentigers.org



Board Member
2026 – 2030

Thomas Grant

Director

Skegee Golden Tigers, Inc. (SGT) is a Georgia based, non-profit 501(c)(3) organization that encouraging higher education.

skeegegoldentigers.org | P. O. Office Box 640025 East Point, GA 30364 | info@skeegegoldentigers.org