

# 2013 Hall of Fame Inductee

## Kenneth C. Foxworth

*Class of 1976*

Kenneth Charles Foxworth is a proud product of the School District of University City from Pershing Elementary through high school graduation in 1976.

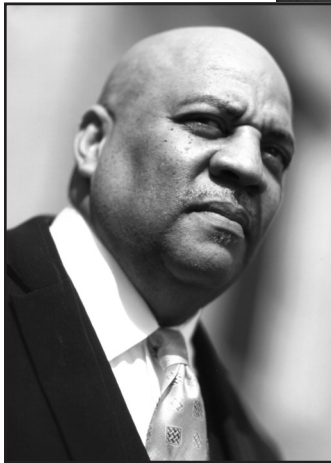
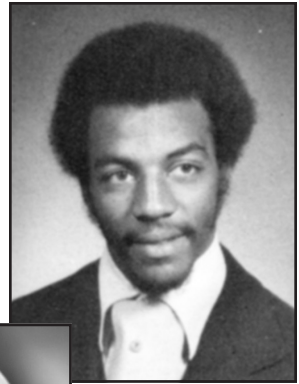
This highly-recruited football and track star attended University of Minnesota - Minneapolis on a football scholarship. After a career-ending injury and with a bachelor's degree in human services, Foxworth spent a decade inspiring young people through coaching and athletic administration.

In 1991, with a Masters in Urban Studies in hand, Foxworth joined the UM-Duluth

faculty and combined his teambuilding, organizing and fundraising skills with his passion to inspire youth that began while leading the Pershing Boys' Club in the 1970s. He secured a record-breaking \$350,000 grant to enhance the retention of minority students and raised additional scholarship funds through two one-man 150-mile "Run for Excellence," recognized by President Clinton, a fellow avid runner who Foxworth joined on a "run" in 1995.

After returning to his alma mater, Foxworth initiated A Commitment to Excellence Institute for Learning program that later separated from the university. With a \$3M budget, ACE addressed the needs of academically-challenged public school students of color in Minneapolis with increased attendance rate of more than 98 percent and substantially improved math and literacy achievement levels.

His dedication and passion for helping young students in achieving their dreams has also lead him to both state and national politics.



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