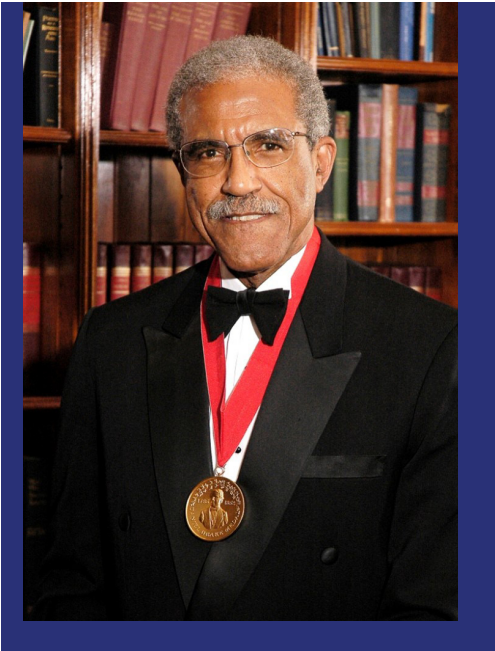


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Alumni Salute

TENNESSEE STATE UNIVERSITY

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Alvin H. Crawford, MD, graduated cum laude with undergraduate degrees in chemistry and music from Tennessee State University in 1960. In 1964, he became the first African-American to graduate from the University of Tennessee College Of Medicine (UTCOM). He began his residency at Boston (Chelsea) Naval Hospital and completed training at the Harvard Combined Orthopaedic Residency Program. His postgraduate fellowships included the Orthopaedic Research and Education Foundation Carl-Berg International Fellowship;

Otto E. Aufranc Fellowship in Adult Reconstructive Surgery; Pediatric orthopaedics at Children's Hospital, Boston; the Alfred I. DuPont Institute, Wilmington, Del.; and senior for the Scoliosis Research Society (SRS) Asian Traveling Fellowship.

Dr. Crawford also attended the postgraduate Program for Clinical Chiefs of Services at the Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health and received a Physician Leadership and Management Certificate from Xavier University.

In 1977, Dr. Crawford became director of orthopaedic surgery at Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center, where he remained for 29 years. During that time, he clearly made a tremendous impact on the Cincinnati community. Mayor Mark Mallory proclaimed May 8, 2013, "Dr. Alvin Crawford Day" in Cincinnati. Dr. Crawford received the Daniel Drake Award from the University of Cincinnati, its highest academic award. He also received the Lifetime Achievement Award in Medicine from Closing the Health Gap in Cincinnati.

In 2014, the Cincinnati Chamber of Commerce presented Dr. Crawford with the Great Living Cincinnati Award for his medical and civic contributions. He received the Lifetime Achievement Award as a Health Care Hero from the Cincinnati Business Courier in February 2015. He was the honors day



commencement speaker for the University College of Medicine class of 2016. He was cited as one of the Top 10 Educators (the only surgeon) in the first 100 years at Cincinnati Children's Hospital, as well as one of the country's best doctors yearly since 1996. In 2018, he was presented an honorary doctorate of science by the

University of Cincinnati for his contributions to medical science. He received the Founder's Award from the Cincinnati Pediatric Society, he was awarded endowed chairs in pediatric orthopaedics and spinal surgery, and the spine center at Cincinnati Children's Hospital was dedicated in his name.

Dr. Crawford is also a distinguished scholar and educator. He has authored and contributed hundreds of books, book chapters, and peer reviewed articles, as well as given numerous national and international presentations and keynote addresses. He has completed multiple visiting professorships, lectured and/or performed surgery in 43 countries, and trained 57 international fellows in pediatric orthopaedics and spine surgery. Dr. Crawford is one of the nation's foremost authorities on video-assisted thoracoscopic surgery and neurofibromatosis. His teaching module in pediatric orthopaedics includes a 1,000-slide and syllabus packet that is widely used throughout residency programs in the United States and in 33 countries around the world.

In 1982, he was received in Jordan by his Royal Highness King Hussein of the Hashemite Kingdom and acknowledged for his care of Jordanian patients and training of pediatric orthopaedic fellows. In 1987 he was a senior officer in the US Naval West African Training Cruise (WATC) performing medical and humanitarian services In Gabon, Ghana, Nigeria, Equatorial Guinea and Senegal.

Highlights of Dr. Crawford's many accolades include the Lifetime Achievement Award from the SRS, Distinguished Achievement Award from the Pediatric Orthopaedic Society of North America (POSNA), Pioneer Award from National Medical Fellowships, Kappa Alpha Psi Medical (Laurel Wreath) Achievement Award, Founders Day Award and Wall of Fame at Tennessee State University, POSNA Pioneer Award for Legg-Calve-Perthes Research Study, and the AAOS Diversity Award. He was given the Navy Commendation Medal for refining the first pediatric orthopaedic and scoliosis clinic at the San Diego Naval Hospital. He received the 2009 Candle in the Dark Award from Morehouse College for his contributions in the field of medicine. Dr. Crawford was admitted to the 2008 Hall of Fame of Historically Black Colleges and Universities and received the esteemed International Trumpet Award in 2009, heralding the accomplishment of an African-American who has inspired others.

In 2015, Dr. Crawford was awarded an honorary doctorate of science, the Honoris Causa's Professor of Orthopaedic Surgery, from the University of Ioannina in Greece. He was named a Cobb fellow of the W. Montague Cobb/National Medical Association Health Institute in 2015. In 2017, he was the speaker at UTCOM's White Coat Ceremony and was presented the Distinguished Ambassador Medals, among the highest honors for service and contributions. Introductory Alvin H. and Alva J. Crawford Scholarships were presented to five incoming medical students from underrepresented minority populations who were academically strong and in financial need.

In 2018, UTCOM named one of its four learning communities Crawford House in his honor.

Dr. Crawford has served on the editorial boards of Orthopaedics Today, Journal of Spinal Deformity, The Journal of Bone & Joint Surgery, Journal of Pediatric



Orthopaedics, and Journal of Children's Orthopaedics. He also has served in multiple leadership roles and as chair of several committees. He has served on the AAOS Board of Directors, as president of the J. Robert Gladden Orthopaedic Society, and as the first African-American president of the SRS. He served on the Federal Drug Agency (FDA) committee for Orthototic and rehabilitative devices.

Dr. Crawford's nonmedical activities include serving as a corporate director of the Ohio National Financial Services and member of the AAOS Diversity Advisory Board, Foundation Board of Cincinnati Children's Hospital, Cincinnati Symphony Orchestra's Diversity Committee, Dean's advisory committee for the UC College Conservatory of Music and the American Association of Code Enforcement group of the Cincinnati Reds baseball team. He is a director of Tennis for Charity, a life member of the NAACP, and a retired captain of the U.S. Navy Medical Corps. Currently a lead clarinetist in the Queen City Concert Band and the University of Cincinnati Summer Concert Band and Undercover Big Band, Dr. Crawford is also a tennis enthusiast. He has been married to Alva Jean for 56 years, is father to Alvin (Charlotte) and Carole, and is proud grandfather to Mia, Elle, and Uma.