

Biographical Description for The HistoryMakers® Video Oral History with Julian White

PERSON

White, Julian Earl, 1941-

Alternative Names: Julian White;

Life Dates: March 3, 1941-

Place of Birth: Jacksonville, Florida, USA

Residence: Tallahassee, Florida

Occupations: Music Director;

Biographical Note

Julian E. White is a distinguished English Professor of Music, Chairman of the Department of Music and Director of the famous “Marching 100” Band at Florida A&M University (FAMU) in Tallahassee, Florida.

White was born in Jacksonville, Florida on March 3, 1941. His parents were Victoria (Richo) White and George White. Raised and educated in Jacksonville, White graduated from Stanton High School in 1959. He earned his B.A. degree in music education from FAMU, his M.A. degree from the University of Illinois and a Ph.D. from Florida State University.

White is a product of the “Marching 100” family, having played in the band as a student, before going on to a career as a high school band director and music teacher. He returned to FAMU to join the band staff in the 1970s as the band’s Associate Director before ascending to the top position in 1998.

Prior to joining the FAMU faculty in 1972, White was a Band Director at Northwestern Junior/Senior High from 1963 to 1965 and was the first director of the William Raines High School Band in 1965, both in Jacksonville. For a period of ten years, White served as drill designer for the McDonald’s All-America High School Band with appearances at the Macy’s Thanksgiving Day Parade in New York City, the Tournament of Roses Parade in Pasadena, California and the Fiesta Bowl of Phoenix, Arizona. His drills have been featured in performances on all major television networks and the Bastille Day Ceremony in Paris, France. White assists with half time shows for Bowl Games of America and is on the adjudication staff for Musical Festivals USA, International Music Festivals and Heritage Festivals, in addition to writing drill shows for high school and college bands. White is the father of Tonja, born in 1969, and Phaedra, born in 1971,

from his first marriage. In 2000, he married Dennine (Mathis), and they are parents of Julian E. White II, born in 2005.

White was interviewed by The HistoryMakers on October 18, 2006.

Related Entries

New Stanton High School [STUDENTOF]
[from ? to ?]

Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University [STUDENTOF]
[from ? to ?]

College Park Elementary School [STUDENTOF]
[from ? to ?]

Florida State University [STUDENTOF]
[from ? to ?]

Ph.D.

Northwestern Junior-Senior High School [EMPLOYEEOF]
[from ? to ?]

Band Director

William Marion Raines Senior High School [EMPLOYEEOF]
[from ? to ?]

Band Director

Florida A & M University [EMPLOYEEOF]
[from ? to ?]

Band Director

McDonald's All-American High School Band [MEMBEROF]
[from ? to ?]

Association Director

Leon County Band Directors [MEMBEROF]
[from ? to ?]

Florida Music Educators Association [MEMBEROF]
[from ? to ?]

College Band Directors National Association [MEMBEROF]
[from ? to ?]

American Bandmasters Association [MEMBEROF]
[from ? to ?]

