## Dwight Beard

Mr. Beard was born in Brownsville, Tennessee from a family of 14 children. He graduated from Tennessee State University with a Bachelor's of Science Degree in music and psychology in 1974.

In 1984, he became original owner/sole proprietor of Beard Property Maintenance and has been in the landscaping/lawn maintenance business for the past 21 years. Also, he manages several residential rental properties. He has been listed by Nashville Business Journal among the top ten minority businesses in Nashville, Tennessee. Formerly President of the TSU Alumni Association, Nashville Chapter, he has also been a participant in Tennessee State University Student Motivation Task Force Program, Nashville,

Tennessee for past five years and is an active member of Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc., Tennessee State University, Nashville, Tennessee.

Mr. Beard is a current member of the National Association for The Advancement of Colored People (NAACP), the Professional Landscape Association of Nashville, the Nashville Area Chamber of Commerce, the Nashville Area Chamber of Commerce Education Committee, the Better Business Bureau, the Metropolitan Tree Board, and the Metropolitan Vegetation Board. He also worked with the Tennessee Minority Supplier Development Council's Adopt-A-School Program.

Mr. Beard is married with three girls and one boy. Wife and one daughter are also graduates of TSU and is a member of Temple Baptist Church, Nashville.