



Matthew M. Carter

Lawyer, pastor, author, government official, and Public Service Commissioner, Matthew got his start when he volunteered for the Army out of high school in Georgia. He served with the Presidential Honor Guard in Washington, D.C., and the First Armored Division in Germany. In 1975, when Matthew enrolled at TCC, he was part of a wave of veterans resuming their careers in the wake of Viet Nam. Matthew graduated with honors and went on to Florida State for his B.S. and, ultimately, his law degree.

Matthew is a member of the FAMU Board of Trustees and former member of the Florida Board of Governors; has run his own public relations firm, worked as a financial consultant, and authored "The 90% Rule: How to Get Out of Debt and Prosper." He is the retired senior pastor of Beulah Hill Missionary Baptist Church in Gretna. With his wife, Rita, they lead Christian Missions to the Holy Land and other nations. His elder daughter, Pearl, is a former president of TCC's Student Government Association and younger daughter Markesha is also a graduate. After all, he said, TCC is "a family environment."