

Dr. Kirk Marshall Clayton, Ph.D., Ed.D (February 4, 1947 - January 19, 2022) was an American football, field and track athlete who was recognized by the State of Louisiana for his accomplishments in sports.



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Background

The story of a life-long athlete, entrepreneur, academic, scholar, and mentor.

Track and field standout Kirk Marshall Clayton attended Woodson Junior High and Xavier Prep High School in New Orleans before transferring to Scotlandville High School in Baton Rouge where he set the national prep record with a 9.4 mark in the 100-yard dash. His abilities were key to Scotlandville's LIALO state championship in 1965.^[1]

A Life-Long Athlete

Dr. K.M. Clayton was "A Louisiana boy who went West and did well."^[2] He became an athlete in football, including field and track, while attending high school in his hometown. Track and Field magazine writers noticed Clayton in May 1966.^[2]

Sports scouts, journalists, and recruiters observed the High School Boys 100-yard Dash to see if any new arrivals to the sport could overturn the World Field and Track Record set by Jessie Owens.^[3]

Grambling College

Clayton began his track and field History in earnest during this era while studying at Grambling College. He became associated with the Santa Clara Valley Youth Village (Speed City- II) group. After involvement with this group, Clayton moved to San Jose State University (Speed City- I).

While studying at San Jose University, Clayton met up with a coach and a life-long influencer. He gained acquaintance and the friendship of Dick Drake. Dr. Clayton stated that due to his connection with Drake, he became a better athlete and sports professional. "The heights I achieved in sports would not have been possible without the assistance and knowledge of Track and Field News and Mr. Dick Drake."^[4]

Clayton recalled, "It was 55 years + one day to the day (August 24, 1966) when I called Track and field News. Mr. Dick Drake answered the phone. I proceeded to identify myself. He stopped me and said, "I know who you are." In May 1966, you were named the "King of the Century in the 100-yard dash from the Great State of Louisiana. We, T&FN, placed you atop the High school 100-Yd. Dash World List in our 1966 issue."^[4] This issue has Tommie-Jet Gear-Smith on the front cover. Dr. Clayton, stated further that he still had an original copy of the T&FN 1966 publication.

San Jose University

As Clayton's conversation continued with Drake, Clayton informed Drake, "I am looking to depart from Grambling College." Drake's response was, "your timing is exceptional." "The Santa Clara Valley Youth Village, in San Jose,

California is developing a Track and Field Team. They are in search of Top Track Athletes across the country. You can complement their search and be the one they will select. I believe that you possess the quintessential Track Skills the Youth Village is searching for." Clayton continues, that he proceeded to give me the Villages' as a series of contact references. The first name was Mr. Woody Lynn, Head Coach, and Mr. Don Bowden, Assistant Coach. Later, Clayton connected with the California representatives and the rest began history. Clayton arrived in San Jose, California, on September 17, 1966.

Mr. Art Simberg, an assistant with the Youth Village, was my contact. The main points of this note "are to Thank T&FN and Mr. Dick Drake for their foresight and the willingness to share this information. So too, Today, I was told, I have may 'Cancer.' So, with that in mind, "I could not, and would not, depart this Earth, without remembering Track and Field News and Mr. Dick Drake for making Kirk Marshall Clayton a Success in California and Internationally."

Moving from Louisiana to California

Clayton's move from Louisiana to California made his life in sports and his professional career in the field of Education and Leadership a success. I know Mr. Drake is no longer with us, and he is writing news for Track and Field in the sky, but Dr. Clayton wished to express his feelings and last token of respect to this human being that served to critically influence his career.

Influencers and Drivers

- Mr. Dick Drake
- Mr. Sam Davis
- Ronnie Ray Smith
- John Carlos
- Mr. Woody Lynn
- Mr. Don Bowden
- Dr. Kathleen Plinske, Valencia College, President
- Dr. Farzin Madjidi, Ed.D., Pepperdine University, Associate Dean, Dissertation Chair, EDOL Program, Malibu, CA
- Dr. Vance Caesar, Ph.D. Pepperdine University, EDOL Program, Malibu, CA
- Dr. Kay Davis, Ed.D., Pepperdine University, EDOL Program, Malibu, CA
- Dr. Harvey Andrew, Ed.D., Pepperdine University, EDOL Program, Malibu, CA
- Dr. McManus, John, Ph.D., Pepperdine University, EDOL Program, Malibu, CA
- Dr. Leo Mallette, Ed.D., Pepperdine University, EDOL Program, Malibu, CA
- Dr. June Schmieder-Ramirez, Ph.D., Pepperdine University, Dissertation Committee Member, EDOL Program, Malibu, CA
- Dr. Helen Easterling Williams Ed.D., Pepperdine University, Dean EDOL Program, Malibu, CA
- Dr. Judge John Tobin, J.D., Pepperdine University, Professor, Dissertation Committee Member, EDOL Program, Malibu, CA

Education

Pepperdine University Doctor of Education (Ed.D.) Organizational Leadership 2011–2014

Activities and Societies: American Society for Training & Development, California Association of Resources, Learning Disabilities Association, Council on Exceptional Children, California and National Teachers Association Special Educational Advisory Committee Lead, Lead WASC/DOE Accreditation Team for Middle College High School at Los Angeles Southwest College Campus.

Pepperdine University Master of Education (M.Ed.) Educational/Instructional Technology 1996–1998

Activities and Societies: Special Education Advisory Committee Lead, Lead WASC/DOE Accreditation Team for Middle College High School at Los Angeles Southwest College Campus, California National Teachers Association. Chaired Special Education Department, Chaired New Special Education Teachers Training Team.

California Lutheran University Master of Science Special Education & Secondary School Administration Field Of Study Special Education and Teaching 1983–1987

Activities and Societies: Learning Disabilities Specialty, International Platform Association, Council on Exceptional Children, Special Education Advisory Committee Lead National Congress of Blacks in Higher Education, California National Teachers Associations.

San Jose State University Master of Science (M.S.) Parks, Recreation and Leisure Facilities Management 1968–1973

Activities and Societies: United States Track and Field Master Official, National Congress of Blacks in Higher Education, Track and Field Hall of Fame, Student Scholarship Athlete Award

California Lutheran University Bachelor of Science in Special Education (B.S.) 1975–1978

San Jose State University Bachelor of Science in Engineering (B.S.) 1968–1973

San Jose State University Associate of Arts and Sciences (A.A.S.) Social Sciences 1966–1968

Activities and Societies: Academic Scholarship Dean's list, Track record holder, Student Scholarship Athlete Award.

Careers and Achievements in Education and Business

CRC Research Consultancy, 501(c)(3) Version A, May 2012 – January 2022, Los Angeles, CA Executive Director

The Clayton Research Consultancy vision. The project members collaborate in the conceptualization, design, methodology, and approach to projects in accordance with the stipulations of Report Certification agreements (as documented by report number, version, and publication date) that are consistent with mutually agreed upon, accurate representation of the collective work effort of all members of the Project Team for submission to Faculty Mentor(s)/Professor(s) as supported and stipulated and approved Project Team's Memorandum Of Understanding (MOU) requirements.

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This Project Team accepts responsibility for meeting any specific performance requirements set by the organization that is the subject of research. Organizational culture, rules, regulations, and reporting hierarchy are fully followed. Such regulation compliances extend to security clearances and protocol with the Project Liaison for the purpose of discussing the proposed consultancy organizational planning, the identification of a problem statement, and/or the negotiation of the research design, methodology, approach. CRC is a Christian organization committed to higher learning that employs the highest standards of professional excellence and Christian values, where our clients are strengthened for life, service, and leadership.

I/we as project team members agree to comply with and honor the conditions, terms, and stipulations as set forth.

Teachers College- California (Dec 2007 – Present) Los Angeles, CA President Developer and owner of non-profit teachers college for advanced studies and the advancement of educational technologies, innovation, and behavioral studies. The organization is established within a framework of organizing advanced educational research teams and scholars for the purpose of advancing the field of secondary and higher education. The organization's special focus is to address access and learning barriers to education and learning within the context of self-paced and passive and active gaming semiotic domains. Conduct scholarly research and collaborative research for public and private corporations for the purpose of advancements in education, public media, and publication.

Teachers College (Feb 2002 – Dec 2007) Goodyear, AZ Director of Educational Services/Enrollment/Retention Managed college's Educational Services, including all operations, strategic planning, budgeting Led community outreach teams in order to increase college awareness and establish partnerships with high schools Plan and conduct compliance studies and mini-reviews to determine alignment with state standards and compliance Disabilities consultant to student and faculty/staff on government guidelines and relevant laws Led Para-professional training to work effectively with Disable students Oversaw students matriculation process thru 1st and 2nd yrs. of the program

Chaired faculty and student collaboration committee, focusing on evaluation and refining of academic and matriculation process.

Arizona State University (Nov 2004 – Feb 2005) Temple, AZ Supervisor - Student Teacher Program Supervisor and mentor of new student teachers placed in public schools Generated Bi-weekly reports documenting students educational growth Wrote students employment and graduation references and recommendation Scheduled educational seminars to teach and improve student learning by 50%.

Omega Schools, Inc. (Feb 1991 – Nov 2004) McDowell Campus, Phoenix, AZ Director of Educational Services Prioritized disabled students' educational guidelines to ensure compliance and monitoring compliance standards. While serving Clayton decreased disabled student department operational costs by 20% during the first summer session. He wrote and implemented the school's disabled students Individual Educational Plan to meet the educational requirements of the DSPS Training Specialist Program and monitored its activities to ensure both students and the college were in compliance with laws governing disabled students and services.

State of California Department Education (1989-1990) Southwest College(disabled students)

Commision on Special Education (1989-1990)

California Resources in Special Education (1989-1990) Advisory committee member

Leuzinger High School, Lawndale (1983-2021) Resource Specialist

Santa Clara County, Santa Clara, California (1973-1974) Supervisor

Leuzinger High School, Lawndale, California (1985-1986) administrative international/principal

Evergreen University, Los Angeles (1982-1983) Assistant Dean

Department of Education, State of Hawaii, Honolulu (1981-1982) Special education advisory board member

Los Angeles Community College District (1980-2021) Educational specialist

Northwest Young Men's Christian Association, Oakland (1978-1979) Executive director

Vocational Training Center, Oakland, California (1977-1978) Principal

United States Department of Education, St. Thomas., United States Virgin Islands (1974-1975) Educational consultant

A Common and Shared Ending

Not unlike one of Dr. Clayton's most admired fellow athletes, Jesse Owens, he too was taken from us by an aggressive cancer.

Recognition and Honors

- Clayton enrolled at Grambling after graduation and became an instant success, posting the national collegiate freshman record in the 100-yard dash with a time of 9.3 seconds. Also in 1967, he was a member of the Santa Clara Valley Youth Village 440-yard relay team which set an American record with a mark of 39.5 seconds.^[1]
- Clayton transferred to San Jose State to further his track career by competing for Bud Winter's legendary "Speed City" teams – a grouping of many of the top sprinters in the country, including many Olympians. He was an AAU All-American in 1968 and 1969. In 1970, he broke Barney Ecowell's 31-year old indoor world record in the men's 50-yard dash with a 5.0 second time in Calgary, Canada. He was also captain of the 1969 San Jose State team that won the NCAA Track and Field Championship in Knoxville, Tenn. The Spartans 4x440 yard relay team of Clayton, Sam Davis, Ronnie Ray Smith, and John Carlos also won the national championship with a time of 39.1 seconds. Smith and Carlos were both Olympic Gold Medalists in 1968.^[1]
- World record holder in track, International Amateur Athletic Federation, London, 1970.
- Clayton also qualified for the 1968 U.S. Olympic Trials, finishing fifth in the 100-meter dash – a position that would have earned him a slot on the national team by current standards (2015).^[1]

- Dr. Clayton has also been inducted into San Jose State's Athletics Hall of Fame, Track and Field, 1971.
- K.Marshall Clayton's Day, April 17, 1997; Baton Rouge, Louisiana. Honored by the State of Louisiana House of Representatives and the Louisiana Legislature for life's body of work in 1997.
- Listed as a noteworthy administrator, educator by Marquis Who's Who.
- Honorary state representative Louisiana, 1990

Literature and Media

- 1968: Clayton, K.M., An active member of the Project for Human Rights: Clayton proposed the Boycott of the 1968 Olympic Games @ Mexico City, Mexico.
- 1994: Clayton, K.M., Discipline: where has it gone? Do dress codes equal discipline? <https://www.worldcat.org/title/discipline-where-has-it-gone-do-dress-codes-equal-discipline/oclc/32627624> ^[5]
- 2002: Clayton, K.M., America's colored people: Ignorance or racism? <https://www.worldcat.org/title/americas-colored-people-ignorance-or-racism/oclc/52263134> ^[5]
- 2012: K.M. Clayton; Huff, P. D.; GPS-AG, I. (Producer), & Huff, P., D. (Director). The world is flat: Insights by Kirk Marshall Clayton. [Video/DVD] Los Angeles, CA: GPS-AG, Inc.
- 2016: K.M. Clayton; International Policy Experience: Short-term International Travel Courses in Structured Degree Programs., Pepperdine University Press, Pepperdine Digital Commons, Theses and Dissertations, Malibu
- 2021: Huff, P. D., & Clayton, K. M., Monetary Debasement, What's Behind the Wizard's Curtain? The Race to Replace the USD as a Global Currency. Bethany Duarte Eds. Los Angeles: Amazon, KDP Publications, GPS-AG, Inc. ^[6]
- 2021: Huff, P. D., & Clayton, K. M., Monetary Debasement, What's Behind the Wizard's Curtain? The Race to Replace the USD as a Global Currency, Volume II. Bethany Duarte Eds. Los Angeles: Amazon, KDP Publications, GPS-AG, Inc. ^[6]
- 2021: Huff, Patrick, D.; Claton, K.M., Monetary Debasement: What went wrong? The Race to Replace the USD as a Global Currency; An inquiry into the Moral Hazards of Global Leadership - Is the USD Losing Social Value? Bethany Duarte (Eds.) GPS_AG, Inc., KDP, and Amazon Publishing, 2021. ISBN 9798785985995.
- 2021: Clayton, K.M., ALIALO-African American High School Football Before 1970: A Black Athletic Association, Patrick D. Huff (Pre and Post Eds.) Retrieved from Huff University Video Library, 2022 ^[7] This publication was produced and directed by Dr. Kirk Marshall Clayton. It contains information about black athletes; and, the degree of recognition they have received for their contributions to sports in the Great State of Louisiana. Dr. Patrick D. Huff and GPS-AG, Inc. educational publications were responsible for the pre and post-production edits that made this video possible. The educational product is hosted on multiple websites including the CRC Consultancy educational channel.
- 2022: Clayton, K.M., "Let me not die ingloriously and without some struggle; but let me first do some great things for the American People that shall be told among all the Races in America, thereafter."
- 2022: Clayton, K.M., Favored bible quote, "God knew, I may need someone to be a source of courage when troubles come my way,
- someone to gladly take the time to care and understand, someone to be true to me, whether near or far apart, someone to be a source of courage when troubles come my way."

External Links

Kirk Marshall Clayton – Allstate Sugarbowl Hall of Fame

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<http://www.louisianaweekly.com/dr-kirk-clayton-a-track-and-field-star-who-tied-the-100-yards-record-held-by-jesse-owens-dies/>
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