Dr. Evelyn Tutt Brackeen, Ph.D.

Educator/Scientist

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Dr. Evelyn Tutt Brackeen was raised in Joplin, Missouri. She enrolled at Lincoln University in 1943 and graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree in Biology in 1947. After Lincoln, she went to the University of Michigan, where she earned two Master of Science degrees, one in Zoology in 1948 and the other in Bacteriology in 1956. In 1967, she earned a Doctor of Philosophy degree in Medical Microbiology, specializing in Immunology from Standard University.

Dr. Brackeen's teaching and research began as an instructor at Florida A&M University. In 1949, Dr. William Dowdy, then chair of Lincoln's Department of Biology recommended that's she to her alma mater and teach. She accepted the offer and taught at Lincoln from 1949 to 1963.

In addition to teaching courses in Biology, Zoology, Botany, Microbiology, Cytology and Immunology, Dr. Brackeen served as a Principal Investigator in the Minority Biomedical Support Program of the National Institutes in Bethesda, Maryland. While at the National Institutes of Health, she supervised research center in a Minority Access to Research Career programs. Her published research and numerous presentations have been fields of Microbiology and Immunology (Immune responses to Schist soma).

During DR. Brackeen's long and illustrious career, she received many awards and accolades for her pioneering in the work field of science. She holds memberships in the Beta Kappa Chi Honorary Scientific Society; Phi Sigma Biological Society: and the Society of Sigma XI. Her contributions have also been recognized in two prestigious publications, **Who's Who of American Women** and **American Men and Women of Science.**

Dr. Brackeen relocated to California in the 1960's and from the 1969 until her retirement in 1991, as a full professor, she taught and conducted research at California State University Dominguez Hills.

She is married to Thomas Brackeen, a 1943 Lincoln University graduate.