

The Class of 1990 Selects...

Samuel Scarnato, Ph. D. (Class of 1947)



Scarnato has devoted his life to education, serving in many capacities from classroom teacher and building principal to assistant superintendent and superintendent of public schools. He retired in 1991 as the chief financial officer for New Orleans Public Schools, overseeing a \$275 million budget for over 84,000 pupils. Since his retirement, Scarnato has served as president of Louisiana Executive Service Corps, New Orleans.

Established in 1985, LESC is a non-profit organizational management consulting service to other non-profit organizations in Louisiana. Scarnato also served as superintendent of the Special School District of St. Louis County, MO. There he was instrumental in turning around a system wracked with controversy, financial deficits, and under investigation by the U.S. Attorney, FBI, and State Department of Education. Under Scarnato's leadership, the district cooperated with authorities to bring all investigations to an early closure and restored public confidence and integrity to the district.

He received his master of education degree from the University of Pittsburgh in 1955 and earned his Ph.D. from the University of Michigan in 1967. A resident of New Orleans, Scarnato attended Oakland township Elementary School. His sister lives in the Butler area.