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**Historical Note:** Thomas M. Cheeks was born in Ohio and received a B.S. and an M.S. in Education. In 1951, Tom joined the Milwaukee Public School system and was assigned to Lincoln High School, thus becoming Milwaukee's first black faculty member of a secondary public school. He also became the first black head track and basketball coach in the school system. Tom was transferred to the Central Office in 1964.

Tom also found the time to participate in many community activities. He served on Wisconsin Coordinating Council for Higher Education, the YWCA North Central Branch Board of Directors, Wisconsin State Historical Society, Junior Achievement Board of Directors, and was co-Chairman of We-Milwaukeeans. He also was co-founder of Frontiers International Inc. and was a charter member of the Black Administrators and Supervisors Council.

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