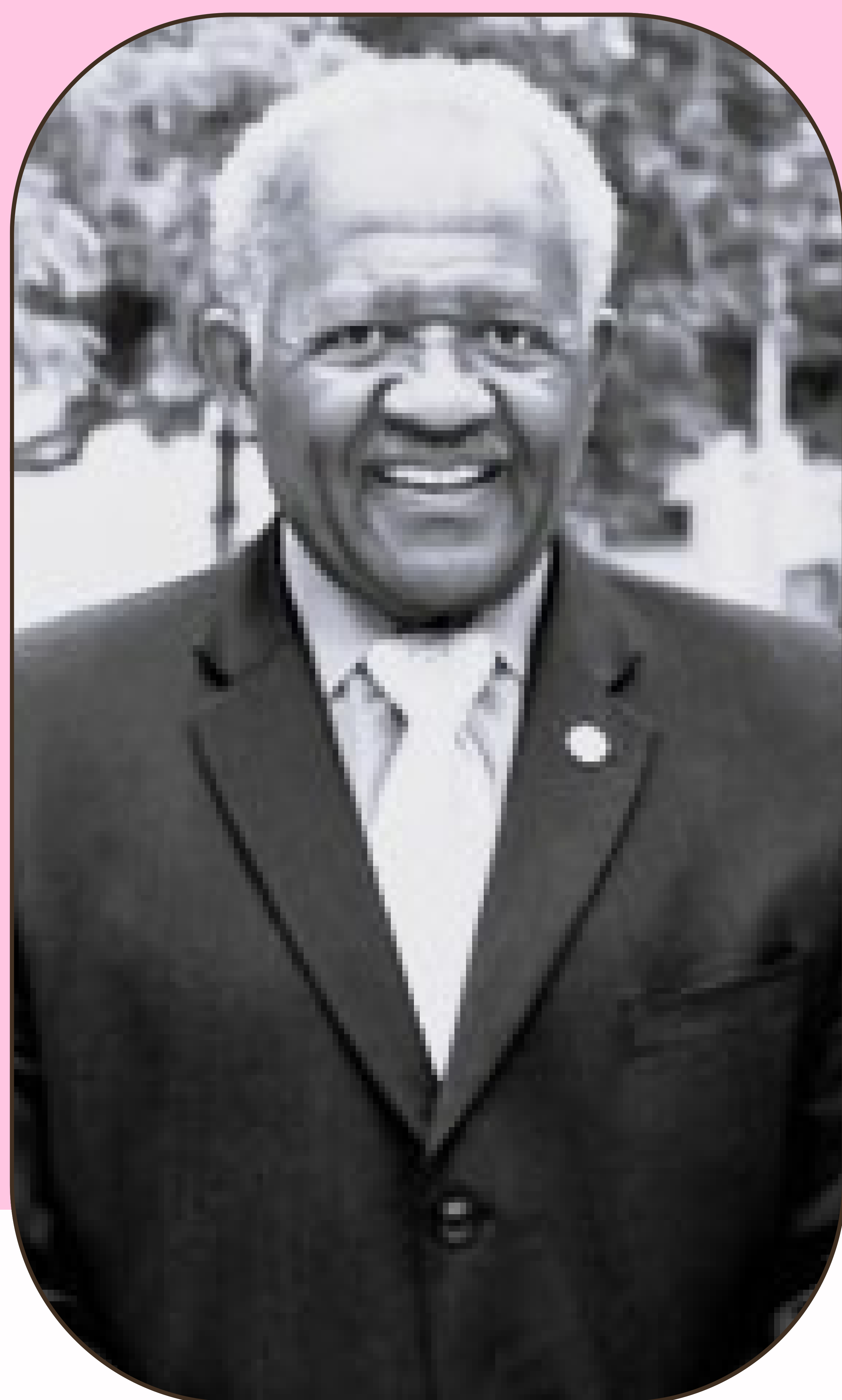


# DR. HORACE MITCHELL



**DR. HORACE MITCHELL SERVED AS THE FOURTH PRESIDENT OF CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY, BAKERSFIELD (CSUB) FROM JULY 2004 UNTIL HIS RETIREMENT IN 2018, BECOMING THE FIRST AND ONLY AFRICAN AMERICAN TO LEAD THE UNIVERSITY. BORN IN RACIALLY SEGREGATED, JIM CROW MISSISSIPPI, DR. MITCHELL WAS A VETERAN OF THE CIVIL RIGHTS STRUGGLE. A COLLEGE WRESTLER, HE EARNED BOTH HIS UNDERGRADUATE AND GRADUATE DEGREES FROM WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY IN ST. LOUIS AND BROUGHT 36 YEARS OF HIGHER EDUCATION LEADERSHIP TO CSUB.**

**PRIOR TO CSUB, DR. MITCHELL HELD SENIOR LEADERSHIP ROLES AT THE UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA SYSTEM, INCLUDING VICE CHANCELLOR FOR BUSINESS AND ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES AT UC BERKELEY, AND EARLIER, VICE CHANCELLOR FOR STUDENT AFFAIRS AND CAMPUS LIFE, AS WELL AS SERVING AS ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR OF PSYCHIATRY AND HUMAN BEHAVIOR AT UC IRVINE.**

**UNDER HIS TRANSFORMATIVE LEADERSHIP, CSUB EXPERIENCED UNPRECEDENTED GROWTH. DESPITE NAVIGATING ONE OF THE WORST RECESSIONS IN MODERN U.S. HISTORY, DR. MITCHELL GUIDED THE UNIVERSITY TO DIVISION I ATHLETICS, ESTABLISHED NEW ACADEMIC PROGRAMS—INCLUDING ENGINEERING, AGRI-BUSINESS, AND A DOCTORATE IN EDUCATION—AND EXPANDED CAMPUS INFRASTRUCTURE WITH NEW STUDENT HOUSING, A RECREATION CENTER, AND STATE-OF-THE-ART BUILDINGS FOR SCIENCE, ENGINEERING, ARTS, AND HUMANITIES. ENROLLMENT STEADILY INCREASED, AND CSUB EARNED NATIONAL RECOGNITION FOR ITS PROGRAMS AND ACHIEVEMENTS UNDER HIS ADMINISTRATION.**

**DR. MITCHELL ALSO MAINTAINED A TEACHING ROLE IN THE PSYCHOLOGY DEPARTMENT, DEMONSTRATING HIS ENDURING COMMITMENT TO STUDENT LEARNING. AFTER 50 YEARS IN HIGHER EDUCATION, HE RETIRED IN 2018, LEAVING A LEGACY OF ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE, INNOVATION, AND INCLUSIVE LEADERSHIP THAT CONTINUES TO SHAPE CSUB AND INSPIRE FUTURE GENERATIONS.**