

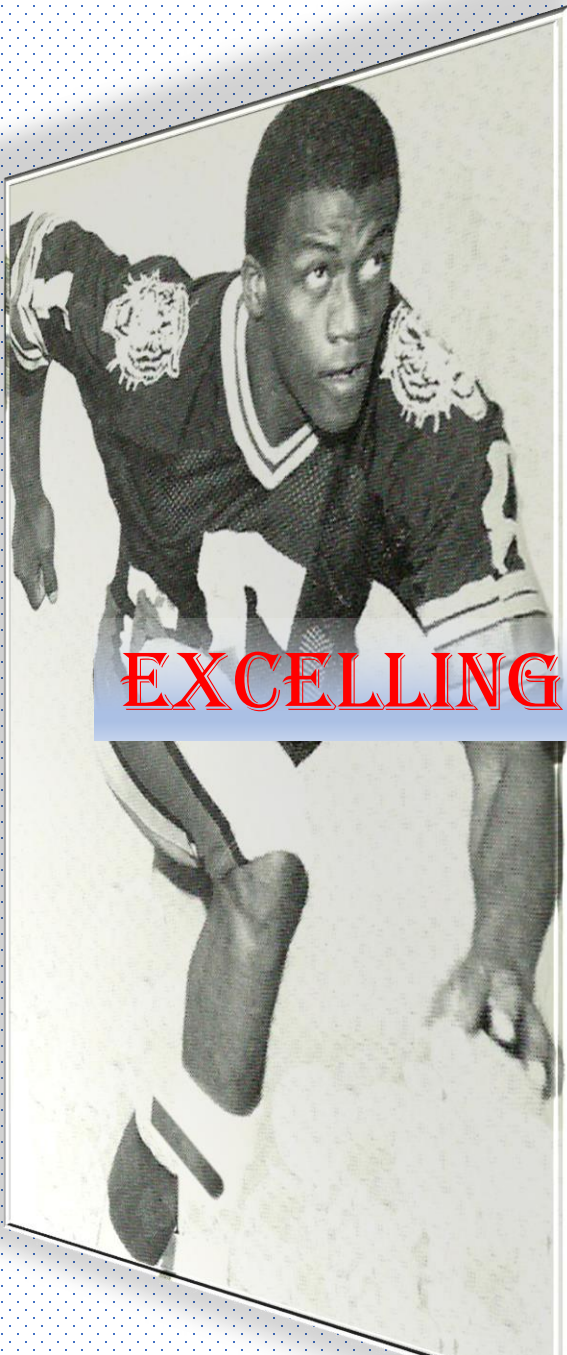
Because

Education

Mattered...



BLACK COLLEGE SPORTS
A LEGACY of LEADERSHIP



EXCELLING AS STUDENT-ATHLETES....



They made the commitment...

They Met the Challenge...

They Reaped the Honors...

See Some of the Driving Forces Behind Them...

The Mentors Who inspired Greatness...

P.S. They Measured Success in 'Degrees'

This is the Legacy of Black College Sports Leaders...

Intro

Because Education Mattered...

A True Pioneer and Educator

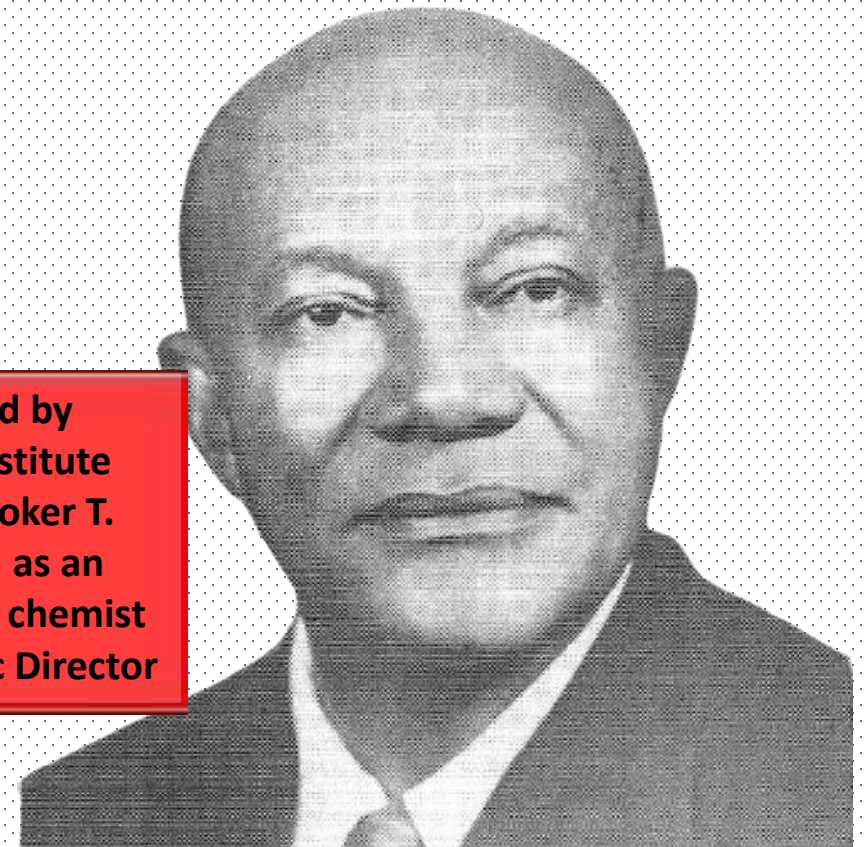
Cleve Abbott was a pioneer coach in basketball, football, tennis and women's track and field at **Tuskegee Institute... his teams won 61 conference and Black college national championships**

Abbott served as **Director of the Department of Physical Education and Athletics** and started the **women's track and field program**. The team went undefeated from 1937-1942.

Six of his athletes competed on **U.S. Olympic** track teams, including gold medalists **Alice Coachman** and **Mildred McDaniel**.

He also coached tennis stars **Margaret "Pete" Peters** and **Roumania "Repeat" Peters** during their college years at Tuskegee.

He was hired by Tuskegee Institute founder, Booker T. Washington as an Agricultural chemist and Athletic Director



Cleveland Leigh Abbott

Watertown, South Dakota

South Dakota State '16

Head Varsity Coach (All Sports)

Tuskegee Institute 1923-1955

Football record: 202-95-27, 32-years
six undefeated seasons.



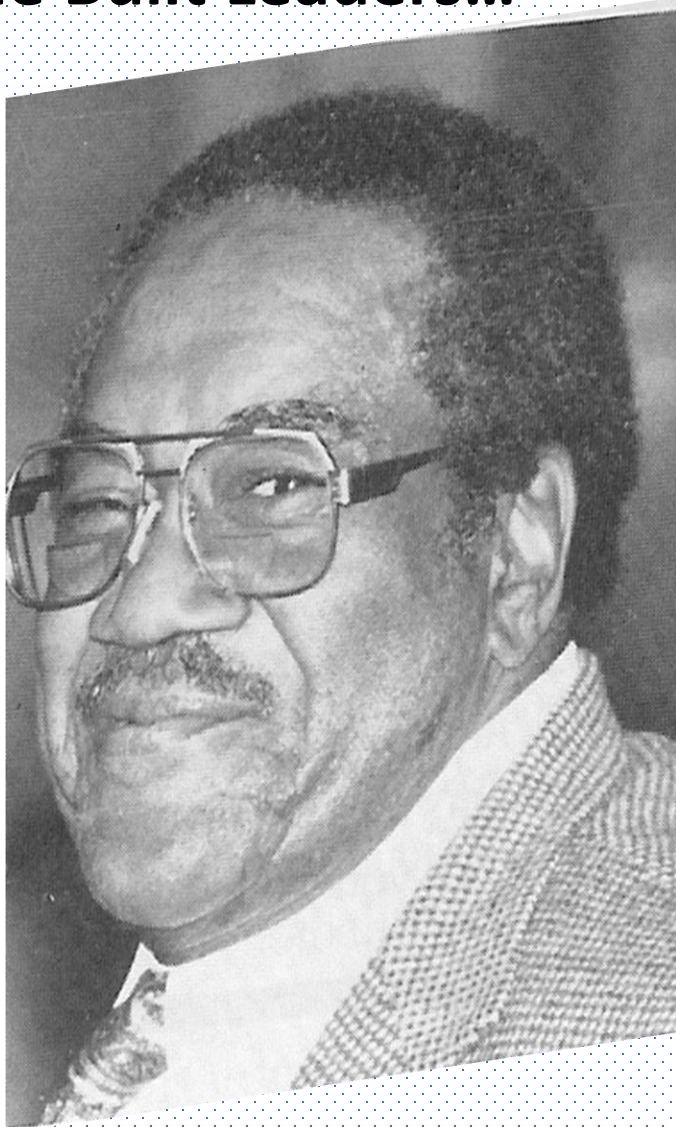
Mildred McDaniel

Alice Coachman

Ben Stevenson
Tuskegee's first All-American

Because Education Mattered...

He Built Leaders...



“They’re going to be scholars first, football players second. They came for an *education* and 90 per cent get degrees here...not in just physical education but pre-law, pre-medicine and business. Two days a week I talk *life*, not football. College football is great for today’s life. The world is looking for leadership and discipline; football offers that experience.”

Earl Banks

University of Iowa ‘50

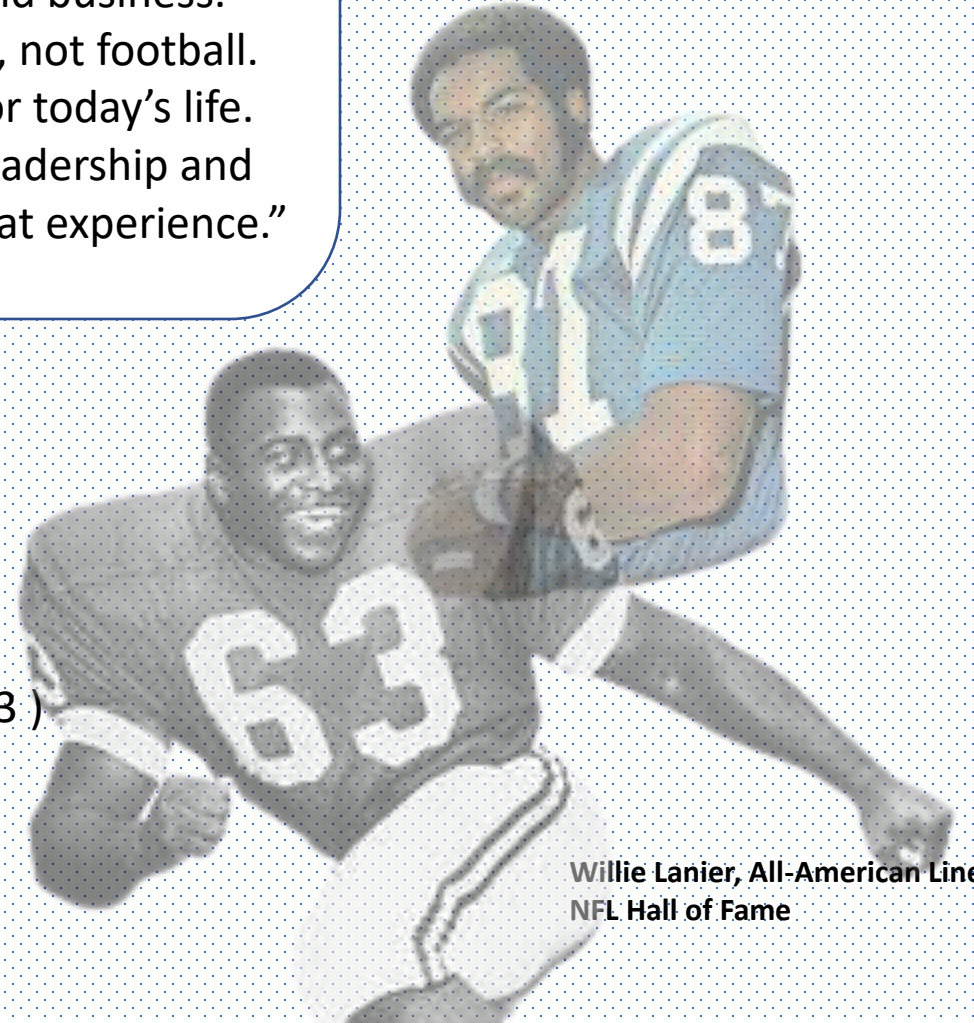
Head Football Coach

Morgan State University (1960-73)

Career record: **96-31-2**

14 consecutive winning seasons

**Ray Chester, Wide Receiver/Tight End
NFL Super Bowl Champion**



**Willie Lanier, All-American Linebacker
NFL Hall of Fame**

Because Education Mattered...



A Lifetime of Dedicated Service

Jeanette A. Lee

Saint Paul's College

CIAA pioneer, coach and mentor in women's sports in black college, her teams always personified a quiet dignity, character, sportsmanship and spirit

She was the first Black college Women's Athletic Director

Lee served as Cheerleader coach, Associate Professor of Health and Physical education and Dean of Women.



He Exemplified Determination and Hard Work

The greatest Tiger of them all
Was somewhere on the scene
Instilling courage and confidence
Accepting no 'in-between'
...There's no battle that can't be won
There's no job that can't be done...

(From the poem, 'Big John Merritt, by Richard Rene' Ross)

John Ayers Merritt

January 26, 1926 – December 13, 1983

Louisville, Kentucky

Kentucky State University '52

Head Football Coach

Jackson State University 1952-62 (60-37-3)

Tennessee State University 1963-83 (172-33-7)

Career record: **232-65-10**

Ed "Too Tall" Jones
Defensive End
NFL Super Bowl
Champion



Richard Dent
Defensive End
Pro Football Hall of
Fame



Because Education Mattered...

A Trailblazer: Teaching Young Men to be Productive and Useful Citizens



Harry Jefferson

West Virginia State University, B.A. '20

Ohio University, M.S. '25

Head Football Coach

Wilberforce University 1930 -57

Bluefield State College 1925

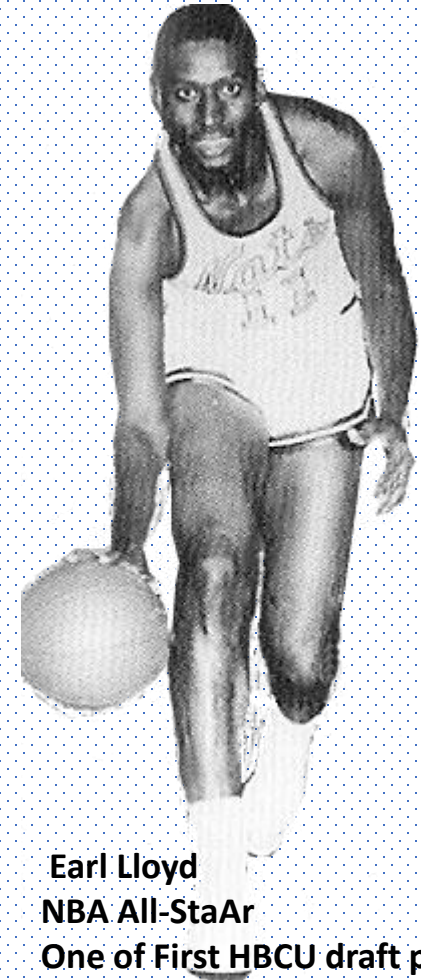
Virginia State University 1934-49

(1936, '37 BC National Champions)

Hampton Institute 1949-57

Career record: 152-109

The first chairman and a charter member of the **National Athletic Steering Committee** which led the fight for the black colleges opportunity to play in the NAIA and NCAA Basketball Tournaments



Earl Lloyd
NBA All-Star
One of First HBCU draft picks

Because Education Mattered...

Staying Home...Making a Difference...



Nelson C. Brownlee

July 5, 1932-February 2, 2000
South Carolina State College '19

Head Basketball Coach, Women's

Clafin College 1973-2000 (27 years)
Member, Women's Basketball Coaches
Association (WBCA)

He put a lot of emphasis on his athletes getting an education. One of his favorite memories was a picture of 10 players who posted a 105-7 record between 1988-91. The real reward was...*they all earned their degrees.*



Miriam Walker-Samuels
All-American
NAIA Scoring Leader

Career Coaching record:
623 wins (Clafin)
1002 (overall)

Because Education Mattered...

Jake Only Wanted What was Best for His Boys...



" There is no place in the life of my people for mediocre performances. They talk about building character. If building character means losing, then I don't want anything to do with it. I can build more character winning than any man can losing."

Alonza 'Jake' Gaither

April 11, 1903-February 18, 1994

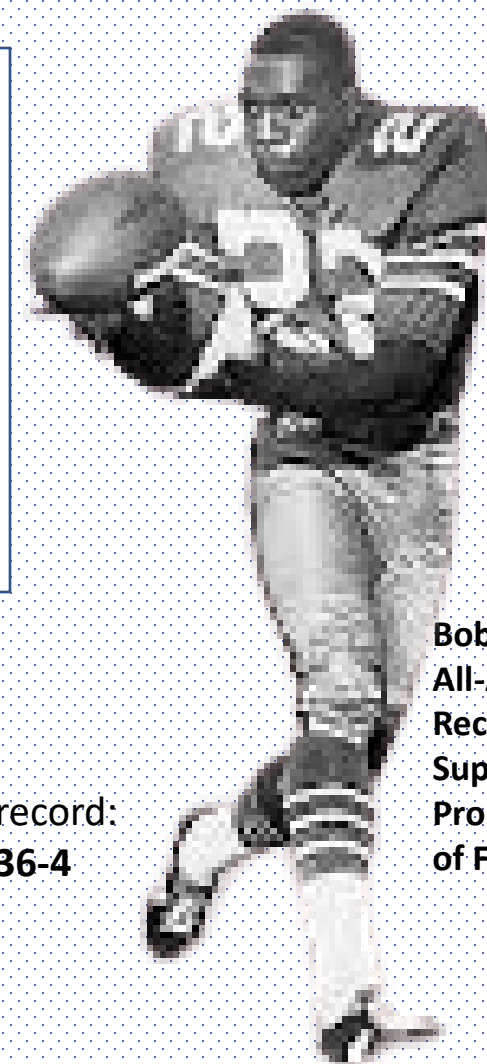
Dayton, Tennessee

Knoxville College, B.S. '27

Ohio State University M.S. '37

Head Football Coach

Florida A&M University 1945-1969



Bob Hayes
All-America Wide Receiver
Super Bowl
Pro Football Hall of Fame

Career record:
204-36-4

Because Education Mattered...

A Class Act in the Mid-West



C. Felton 'Zip' Gayles

Morehouse College '29
Instructor, Social Science

Head Coach:

Football, Basketball, Baseball

Athletic Director

Langston University 1930-1965

Football career record: **146-78-18**

Basketball career record: **571-282**



Marques Haynes
Harlem Globetrotters
Basketball Hall of Fame

A strict and demanding coach, Zip always took an interest in his young student-athletes and tried to help them in anyway he could. He is held in the highest esteem with many honors bestowed by his peers and ex-students across the nation

Because Education Mattered...

The Pioneer of Morgan State Golden Bears Sports



“If I’ve done anything at all, it’s been because of other coaches, the men, the colleges, the administration, the alumni, friends ... just everybody. I’ve only had one formula and that is hard work.”

Eddie P. Hurt

Howard University '21

Head Football, Basketball, Track Coach

Morgan State University 1929-59

Football career record: **185-58-24**

Basketball : 3 CIAA Championships

Track & Field : 31 CIAA Championships

CIAA Hall of Fame



Roosevelt “Rosey” Brown

All-American Tackle

Pro Football Hall of Fame

Because Education mattered...

A Role Model Who Exemplified Winning at Life...



Jerry Johnson

Wiley College
Fayetteville State University

Head Basketball Coach
LeMoyne-Owen College
(46 seasons)

Spent his entire career at
LeMoyne-Owen College.
Coached more than
1,000 basketball games

Career record: **818-400**

“The young men who excelled in their chosen professions after leaving this program have enriched their lives and careers.”



Because Education Mattered...

A Powerhouse in Tennessee State Tigers History



“Call me a teacher...not a coach...”

Henry Arthur Kean, Sr.

1894- December 12, 1955

Louisville, Kentucky

Fisk University

Indiana University

Head Football Coach

**Director, Division of Health,
Physical Education & Recreation**

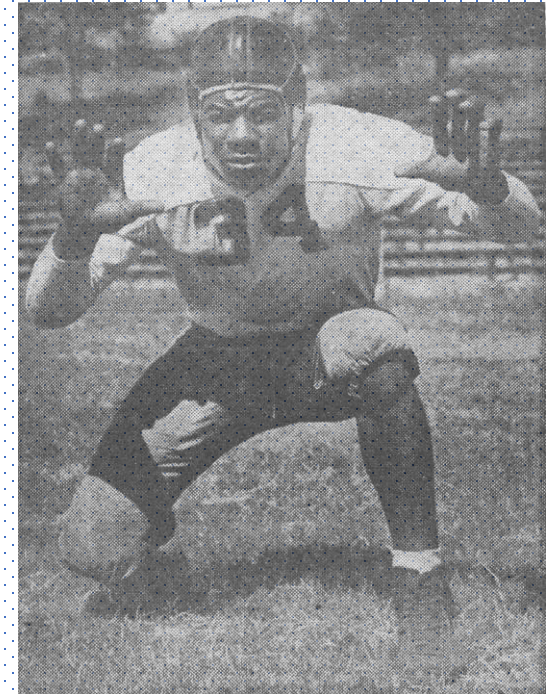
Director of Athletics

Tennessee State University

Career record: **165–33–9**

Five football national titles
Basketball: 1944-49 108-26.

In 1948–49, the Tigers went undefeated finishing with a record of 24 wins... Tennessee State's only undefeated team



Robert "Bulldog" Drummond
All-America

Because Education Mattered...

His Love for Teaching Led to Success in the Classroom and on the Field



"Not only must you be a winner on the field, but also in the classroom."

Vernon 'Skip' McCain

Langston University '30

Head Football Coach:

Assistant Professor, Mathematics
Maryland State College 1948-53

Career record: **108-18-5**

His love for academics was as passionate as his desire to win.

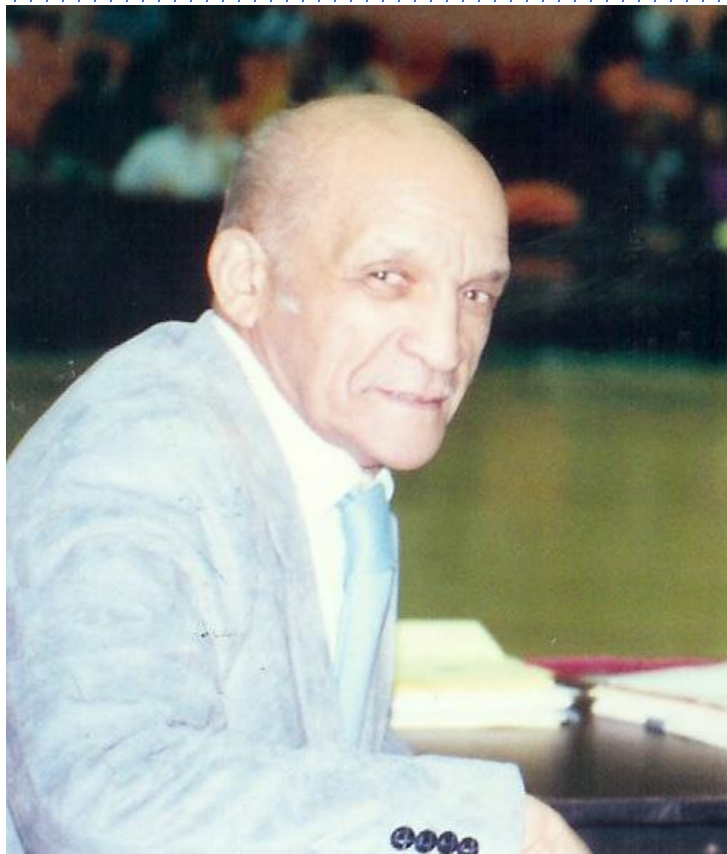
Coach McCain developed a reputation as a great builder of character by motivating and instilling confidence in his players



Because Education Mattered...

An Ambassador of Black College Sports and Beyond...John B. McLendon, Jr.

A stirring tribute to Coach Mac by Virginia Union player, Jimmy Dilworth, MVP of the first CIAA Basketball Tournament (Turner Arena, Washington, DC, 1946). After a thrilling 3-OT lost to the Screamin' Eagles: *"The cohesion of the Eagles and their determination, led to their victory, and I attribute this to a man who stood alone (above) his coaching colleagues, Coach John McLendon."*



John B. McLendon, Jr.

April 4, 1915,-October 8, 1999

Hiawatha, Kansas

Kansas City Junior College

University of Kansas '36

University of Iowa

Head Basketball Coach:

North Carolina College

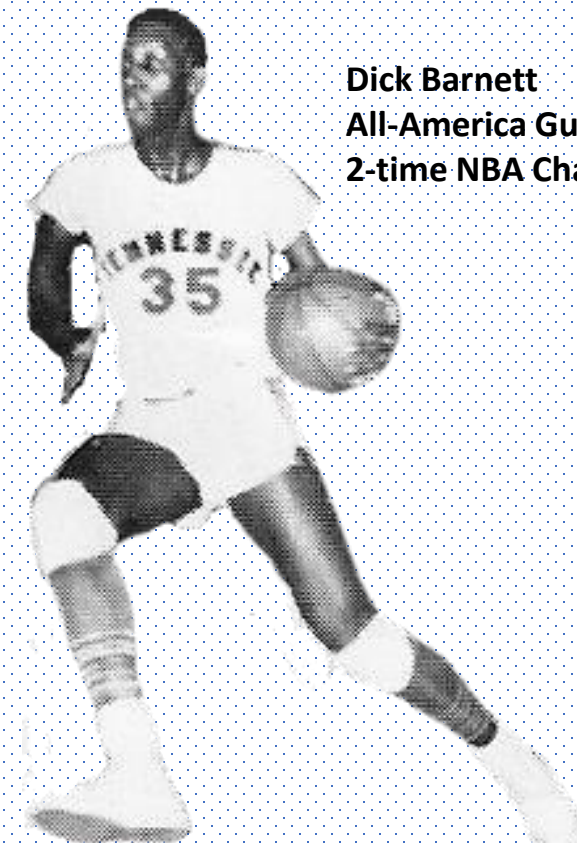
Hampton Institute

Tennessee State A&I University

Cleveland State University

Cleveland Pipers, IBL

College Career record: **523-165**



Dick Barnett
All-America Guard
2-time NBA Champion

One of the driving forces behind the emergence of Black College Basketball

Because Education Mattered...

Hard Work Led to 21 SWAC Championships



"If you can play and you're willing to work hard and study... this is about young people developing and fulfilling potential. This program is color blind. All we see is success."

Eddie Payton

August 3, 1951 -

Columbia, Mississippi

Jackson State University '73

B.S. Mathematics & Health, Physical Ed & Recreation

Head Golf Coach (27 years)

Jackson State University 1984- present

Led Jackson State to an NCAA Division I men's & women's golf championship



Because Education Mattered...

NCAA All-time Winning-est Football Coach: 408-165-15



"People could never realize the joy it is to sit at commencement and see those guys walk across the stage ...You've seen them play, you know from whence they come, and you see them go, and you see them leave with a degree."

Eddie G. Robinson

February 13, 1919 -April 3, 2007

Leland College, B.A. '41

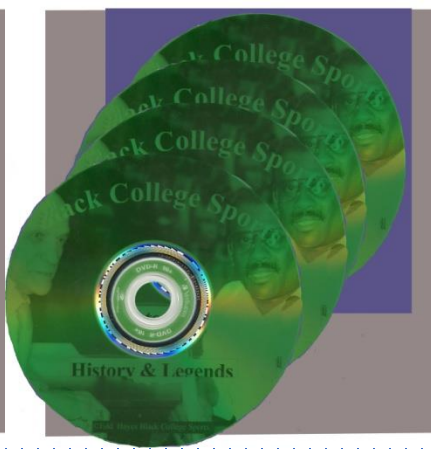
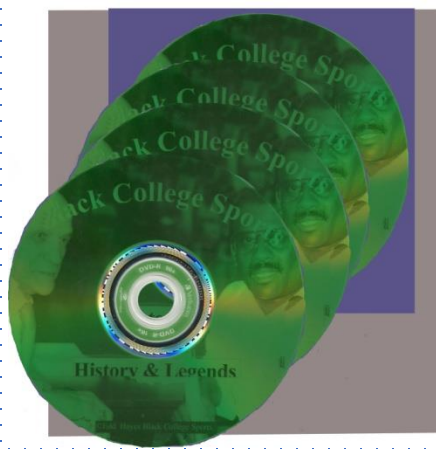
University of Iowa, M.S. '54

Head Football Coach:

Grambling State University (1941-97) 56 years



Doug Williams
Super Bowl MVP



Facts & Figures about Black College Sports History & Legends

According to different sources, there are between 101-106 Black Colleges & Universities (HBCU)

There are 10 Black college Coaches who have won 500 or more games in any sport

There are currently 5 Sports Conferences: CIAA, EICAC, MEAC, SIAC, SWAC

Althea Gibson, All-Time Tennis great is an Black college alumna of Florida A&M University

As of 2012, there are 26 Black college players in the National Football Hall of Fame

Since 1946, the CIAA Basketball Tournament has been one of the nation's best attended venues

There are 5 Black college players and 4 coaches in the NBA Hall of Fame

The SWAC has one of the best football attendance records in the nation

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