



Dr. Horatio Frank Leftwich, Jr.
“COACH”

Dr. H. Frank Leftwich, Jr. has provided 52 years of service to Tuskegee University. He is affectionately known as “Coach” by many former students and athletes, which is a title that is very special to him. Coach Leftwich began his teaching and coaching career at Tuskegee Institute in August 1960. He retired in June 2012, as Head of the Dept. of Physical Education.

A native of Corpus Christi, Texas, Coach Leftwich is a graduate of Springfield College in Springfield, MA, where he earned a bachelor’s degree in Physical Education and Biology as well as a master’s degree in Physical Education, Supervision and Administration. Coach later earned a doctoral degree from The Ohio State Univ. in Higher Education and Athletic Administration.

As Head Coach for Swimming, Cross Country, Men and Women’s Track and Field, Coach Leftwich won 4 SIAC Cross Country Championships in 1968, 1973, 1974 and 1975. Under his leadership as Director of Health, Physical Education and Athletics in 1968, Tuskegee University won the SIAC Football Championship (“B” Division). He also served as the Director of Athletics from 1968-1972 and again from 1993-1995.

Coach Leftwich wrote the first National Youth Sports Program (NYSP) proposal that was funded for Tuskegee University. Coach was such an excellent director of the program that the Tuskegee University program was recognized as the #1 NYSP program in the country for two years and the #2 NYSP program in the country for one year.

In addition to his numerous athletic accomplishments, he has also held many professorial positions such as Assistant and Associate Professor of Physical Education. As Acting Dean of the School of Education, he served as Associate Professor and Acting Head of the Department of Curriculum, Instruction and Administration in the School of Education. Dr. Benjamin F. Payton, former President of Tuskegee University, also appointed Dr. Leftwich as Interim Provost.

Dr. H. Frank Leftwich, Jr. and his wife of 48 years, Edrice, have four children: Kim, Wendy, Terri, Horatio Frank “Chip” and a son-in-law, Dr. James T. Walker, III. They are the proud grandparents of Jamie, Caleb, Chloe’, Ryan, Reece, Tyler and Christian.