



**Brellinda Gail Copeland Sullen**

Class of 1985

Brellinda Gail Copeland Sullen came to Tuskegee from Doerun, Georgia to attend Tuskegee Institute, presently Tuskegee University. She received her Bachelor Science in Elementary Education in 1985, her Master of Science degree in Counseling and Student Development in the Spring of 1987, and continued through the Summer of 1987 to complete her second Master of Education degree in School Counseling in the Summer 1987. She received her Ed.S in Counseling Education from Auburn University and obtained Educational Leadership Certification from Albany State University.

While at Tuskegee Institute, Brellinda earned All-American honors as a basketball player for four years. She was Freshman All-American, 1981-82, and Kodak All-American 1982-1985. She was also selected All-SIAC regular season and tournament teams. Many times she was named MVP in tournament play several times. If her records have not been broken, she holds both scoring and rebounding records for Tuskegee Institute (University) Lady Tigers.

She began coaching basketball as a graduate assistant with the late Tiny Laster at Tuskegee University in 1986. In 1988 she became the girls' basketball high school coach for Booker T. Washington High School and remained until 1998. During her 10 years tenure as the head coach of Booker T. Washington, she led her team to eight Area and seven Sub-Regional Championships.

In 1999, Brellinda returned to her home, Colquitt County High School, Moultrie, Georgia and Worth County High Sylvester, Georgia she worked in that area for six years as a school counselor and a head girls' basketball coach. She took a team that was only winning 2-3 games a year, to the SWEET 16 in two years.

In 2004, Brellinda returned to Alabama and began teaching at Notasulga High School. She has worked in many capacities at Notasulga High School and Tuskegee Institute Middle School, including teacher, counselor and assistant principal. In 2008, Brellinda was appointed to her current position, principal of Notasulga High School. Brellinda is constantly seeking creative ways to foster a dynamic learning environment and to promote high quality education for the students at Notasulga High School.

With 25+ years of professional experience in education, Brellinda also mentors and tutors students in the community. She worked as a community coach for more than five years. She is actively involved in community health initiatives and a member of the Tuskegee Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta.

She is married to John Frank Sullen, they have three children; Nekesha, Myra and John, II.