

Lonzo Bullie Class of 1971

Lonzo Bullie entered the gates of Tuskegee Institute on a moonlit night in June 1965 to begin his collegiate journey. Lonzo Bullie was an outstanding Golden Tiger defensive back at Tuskegee from 1965-1969. His stellar performance on the playing field at Tuskegee won him many awards and honors including Most Valuable Player, Tuskegee-Morehouse Classic 1967, 1st Team All-Conference "B" Division, 1st Team All-Conference Defensive Back and NAIA All-American Honorable Mention. At the completion of his college career in 1969, he was drafted as a Free Agent with the New York Giants of the National Football league.

Bullie's love of football and coaching led him back to Alma Mater as Head Coach of his beloved Golden Tigers. Between 1981-1983, Bullie coached the Tigers to a record of 19-13-0. He took his coaching talents to Knoxville College from 1984-1989. Bullie was named most Outstanding Small College Coach by the Montgomery Advertiser in 1981 and SIAC Coach of the Year for 1986 and 1987. His overall college coaching record is 53-32-1. Throughout his career Bullie has coached a total of 19 young men who were drafted by professional football leagues.

Lonzo Bullie is a charter member of the Tuskegee-Bluegrass Alumni Club of Lexington, KY. and currently teaches at Tuskegee Institute Middle School. He serves as Co-Chairman of the "Relay for Life" Cancer Walk and works with the Male Usher Board of the Greater St. Mark Missionary Baptist Church.

Lonzo states that during his junior year a memorable moment occurred for him. "President Foster approached me while I was walking down Campus Avenue. I was surprised that he started a conversation with me after calling me by my first name." Coach Ralph Bishop also influenced Bullie's life. He states, "Coach Bishop set the example of what I wanted to become. He motivated me to work above and beyond what I thought I could do."