



BETTYE "BAMA" McCLENDON
Class Of 1955

Betty (Bama) McClendon, of Atlanta, Georgia, played basketball at Tuskegee Institute from 1951-1955. She holds a masters degree from Michigan State University and certification in instructional supervision from Georgia State University.

Ms. McClendon is an Area I physical education resource teacher in the Atlanta public schools. She was named Coach of The Year, Atlanta Public Schools, in 1963-1964 and was one of the first females to officiate the Girls' State Basketball Tournament in Georgia, 1976-1983. She was also the first female track and field starter for the Girls' State Track and Field Meet and has been a starter for the event three years. She was the first female to officiate a men's college basketball game (Morris Brown College vs. Clark College, 1980).

Ms. McClendon revised the Atlanta Secondary School physical education curriculum in 1969, was the first and only female to serve on the coaches' athletic committee formed in 1969, which installed women coaches and intramural directors on regular coaches' salaries in Atlanta. She officiated NCAA basketball tournaments, Division II, in 1982 and 1983; received outstanding track and field service plaques for 1981-1982; and was featured in the 1981 Readers Digest Almanac. She was also featured in Referee magazine in May 1980.

Ms. McClendon was elected chairman of Georgia's 5th District Health, Physical Education and Recreation Committee for 1971-1972, and administered a track and field workshop in Maui, Hawaii in 1974. She has published an article for the Track and Field Guide, "The Beginning Track and Field Teacher and a Competitive Programs."

She is a member of the American Alliance for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance; the National Association of Sports Officials; The Southern Coaches Officials Association, and the Amateur Softball Association. She is also a member of the Atlanta Association of Educators, the Amateur Basketball Association of the United States Officials Association, the Georgia Association of Intercollegiate Athletics for Women Officials and the Atlanta Quarterback Club.