



**James Reynolds, Jr.**  
Class of 1968

**James Reynolds**, a native of Columbus, Georgia transferred from the University of Dayton to Tuskegee University in 1964. Red shirted his first year, he was a starter by the first game of his sophomore year at defensive back. He became the starting quarterback for the next two years and lettered each year thereafter. He was known for his ability to complete long yardage passes, having completed 202 yards in the game against Lane College and was chosen player of the week by the Campus Digest. Under his leadership the Tuskegee Golden Tigers had an undefeated season in 1968 where Reynolds orchestrated a 90 to 0 victory over Morehouse College. His season culminated as he demonstrated an aerial circus attack against the undefeated Alabama State Hornets which led to Tuskegee's victory in the Turkey Day Classic.

Reynolds was an excellent student with a major in Physical Education. Reynolds graduated with department honors in 1968. He was equipment manager for the basketball team for three years. He joined the Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity in April of 1967, and also became a member of the Physical Education Club, and the Pre-Alumni Association. Reynolds showed academic excellence by making the Dean's List continuously. He continued his education and earned a Master of Science degree at the University of Michigan in 1971.

His professional career took him to Detroit, Michigan where he worked at Lessenger Middle School as a physical education teacher for six years before transferring to Martin Luther King Jr. Sr. High School in 1974. In addition to his teaching career, his passion for football lead him to the coaching arena at Detroit Pershing, Detroit Central, and Detroit Mackenzie until he was promoted to head football coach at Martin Luther King High School. He has been a successful head coach for 33 years having won 200 plus games. He has won every football coach's award and has sent over 250 young men to college through scholarship and financial aide.

Reynolds is affiliated with several local, state, and national organizations. He is a member of the Detroit Football Coaches Association, Michigan High School Football Coaches Association, Detroit Federation of Teachers, Michigan Federation of Teachers, and the American Federation of Teachers, King High School Men's Club, the MHSFCA Hall of Fame, and St. Mary's Catholic Church.