



BESSIE ANN F. STOCKARD
Class of 1955

"Bessie represents what Tuskegee stand for: intelligence, spirit, education, and image. She is a role model for both youth and adults"
- Matilda Romania Peters Walker, former coach and instructor.

Bessie Stockard played varsity basketball and tennis while at Tuskegee. She served as captain of the basketball team (1952-1955), manager of the varsity tennis team (1954-1955) and sports reporter for the Campus Digest (1954). She was chosen by her peers as "Miss Junior" in 1954 and attendant to "Miss Tuskegee" in 1955.

Bessie has just completed work toward her doctoral degree. While engaged in her educational experiences she was nominated and included in the 1992 edition of Who's Who Among College and University Students. While at the University of the District of Columbia, Bessie has served as Chairperson of the District of Columbia Faculty Intercollegiate Committee, Assistant Athletic Director, Head Coach of the Women's Basketball Team and Head Coach of Women's Tennis Team. She is one of the first Afro-American Women to be selected and serve as an Assistant Coach for the United States Women's Basketball Team. Bessie helped prepare for competition in the 1976 Olympics. She was the Color Analyst and Commentator - Association of Intercollegiate Athletics for Women, 1990 and has assisted the play-by-play with the broadcasting of games on television.

Ms. Stockard is a prolific writer and has contributed articles to many newspapers, magazines and journals including Crisis magazine, Journal of Physical Education, Recreation and Dance, Coaching Women in Athletics, and Scholastic Coach. She has many awards and honors to her credit and is an outstanding speaker.