



**JACOB "JAKE" CALDWELL**  
Class of 1965

"Every moment at Tuskegee was a memorable one for me, moreover, I received something of value and importance from all of my instructors and coaches. With my successes and failures, the Tuskegee University family was always there preparing me for the challenges of a life-time." Jacob "Jake" Caldwell played basketball and baseball. His outstanding performance earned him many recognitions. He lettered each of his four years.

Caldwell's success at Tuskegee followed him throughout his career. His coaching awards and honors are numerous. He has been named Coach of the Year by the Greater Miami Athletic Conference, the Miami News (1972, 1974, 1981 and 1984), Florida Athletic Coaches Association (1974), Gator Tip-Off Club (1974), the Miami Varsity Club (1986) and National Coach of the Year, McDonald Classic (1977). His career record is 520-123, the best in the state of Florida. His teams won Invitational Championships, Divisional Championships, Conference Championships, State Championships and was named Florida's Greatest Team (1974).

Some of his players excelled and played professional basketball - Arthur Collins (Boston Celtics, Atlanta Hawks), Michael Thompson (Portland Trail Blazers), Osborne Lockhart (Harlem Globetrotters, Philadelphia Seventy Sixers), Charles Thomspson (San Antonio Spurs), and Lynden Rose (Los Angeles Lakers).

"He's is a legend", "a father figure", "he did the job, he is 100 percent basketball", all are descriptions given by his former players. Jacob "Jake" Caldwell has written his epitaph in the hearts and minds of those whose lives he touched and loved. Outstanding athlete coach, educator and mentor, his professional life spans over 30 years.