



**John Thomas Gibson**  
Class of 1970

John Thomas Gibson, a native of Montgomery, Alabama, graduated from Alabama State Laboratory High School with honors and a four-year scholarship to Tuskegee University.

Considered one of the best recruits ever in 1967 by Coach Oscar Catlin, Gibson began his tenure as a forward with the Golden Tigers Basketball Team. From this position he lettered and in 1969, his prowess at the free throw line against Bethune Cookman earned the Golden Tigers a spot in the SIAC as the highest seed next to Florida A&M . He was honored at the 1969 All Sports Banquet for having the highest grade point average on the basketball team.

After graduation from Tuskegee University in 1970, Gibson earned a second degree in 1971. In 1973, at age 24, he earned the Doctor of Philosophy degree from the University of Colorado at Boulder. His stellar performance on the court and in the classroom while at Tuskegee continued throughout his professional career. He has published a number of articles in national journals and newspapers on education, finance and administration.

Gibson is the recipient of numerous honors and awards and holds membership in many civic, fraternal and professional organizations, including Kappa Delta Pi National Honor Society, Phi Delta Kappa International Honor Society, the Elks, the Masons-33rd degree, Optimist, Kiwanis and Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity.

He is married to the former M. Voncile Pierce and the father of three sons, John Thomas, II (a 1999 Tuskegee graduate), Jerrod Trenton, Justin Tarrant and one daughter, Shayla Voncile.

Since September 1986 he served Alabama A&M University in several capacities to include his current position, professor of administration, finance in higher education and President.