



**Thaddeus R. Smith**  
Class of 1984

Thaddeus R. Smith of Birmingham, AL enrolled at Tuskegee Institute in 1979 on an athletic scholarship in football. A starter for 4 years, Thad anchored the line at the center position and was best known for the inspiration and enthusiasm he brought to the line after breaking the huddle.

Thad was a leader both in the classroom and on the playing field. He served as president of the Construction Students Association and was charged with fundraising and bringing more awareness of the Construction major to students outside of the architectural and construction programs. Smith achieved honor roll status several semesters while attending Tuskegee. He also received the Herman J. Russell award for the Top Student in Construction before earning a Bachelor of Science degree in Construction in 1984.

Smith is currently a Senior Project Manager for Turner Construction in Miami and began his career in Boston. For over 38 years, he has led or worked on teams that have completed projects that have totaled over one billion dollars in the United States. He has held various positions and was presented the company's Standard of Excellence Award. Additionally, he is L.E.E.D. accredited, and OSHA-30 certified, and recognized by Who's Who in Black South Florida.

Smith's community involvement includes educating students about construction careers and partnering with SBE businesses. He has taught in Turner's School of Construction Management for over 20 years, and is often recognized as the best instructor or class. Additional service includes the Broward County Office of Economic and Small Business Mentor Protégé Program, Boys & Girls Club, Libera Economic Society, and at the First Baptist Church of Piney Grove. He often volunteers his expertise as a member of the Mt. Zion Development Board in Miami, and with the City of Plantation Planning & Zoning Board.

Smith and his wife of 38 years, Jeannette (Class of 84), support Tuskegee through the South Florida Tuskegee Alumni Club, Skegee Golden Tiger's, Inc., and the Tuskegee South East Region.

Thaddeus and Jeannette reside in Plantation, Florida and have 2 sons, Vincent (Ashton) and Ryan, a granddaughter Kennedy and grandson Lennox.