



Edward Bernie Patrick

Class of 1979

Edward Bernie Patrick, a native of Tuskegee, Alabama, began his collegiate journey at Tuskegee Institute (University) in 1973 on a football scholarship. As a wide receiver, he was named Rookie of the Year, lettered three years; and earned SIAC All-Conference Football honors in 1973 & 1974. Patrick averaged 20 yards per reception (28) on the 1974 SIAC Championship Team that posted a 12-1 record; and won the Inaugural Gate City Bowl. One of his most memorable moments came during the 1974 Homecoming game against Bethune-Cookman. With less than two minutes remaining and facing 4th and 19, Patrick made a crucial catch to help secure a 21–19 victory.

Patrick earned a Bachelor of Science in Physical Education/Health in 1979 from Tuskegee. He was named to the All-Academic Team in 1973–74 and completed advanced studies in 1992.

Patrick began his career as Sports Director for the City of Tuskegee and Running Backs Coach at Tuskegee University. In 1983, he accepted his “dream job” as Head Football Coach and P.E. Teacher at Tuskegee Institute High School and achieved top 10 state football ranking (#8) in 1988. He continued his coaching tenure at Booker T. Washington High from 1991 to 2001, also serving as Dean of Students, and Asst. Principal. He retired from the Macon County School in 2006.

Patrick built a legacy of excellence and integrity, mentoring athletes to earn athletic scholarships and excelling in sports and their professional careers. In October 2021, the Macon County Board of Education renamed the stadium at Booker T. Washington High School as the “Edward Bernie Patrick Stadium”.

Patrick is active in numerous community and spiritual organizations including Relay for Life, Breast Cancer Awareness, Helping Hands Ministry, and ministries for at-risk youth. A member of AEA and NEA, he also serves at Greater St. Mark Missionary Baptist Church as Coordinator of the Men’s Usher Ministry and Youth Ministry teacher.

Coach Bernie Patrick is a lifelong supporter of Tuskegee Athletics and resides in Tuskegee, Alabama with his wife of 53 years, Gracie.