



Bruce Wayne Burney
Class of 1974

Bruce Wayne Burney, a native of Sylacauga, Alabama, entered Tuskegee University in 1970. He was a four-year Track and Field/ Cross Country scholarship athlete. He earned many athletic accolades, including serving as the Team Captain. He also contributed to winning the conference championship for three consecutive years. He ranked as one of the top runners in the SIAC during his four-year tenure. In 1973, he received the Tuskegee Senior Athletic Award.

Burney majored in Biology while attending Tuskegee. He was a four-year member of the Army ROTC and earned a ROTC scholarship. Burney graduated in 1974 with a Bachelor of Science degree and was commissioned into the United States Army.

Burney served in the Army as an Infantryman and Medical Service Corps Officer for 28 years. During his exemplary military career, he received numerous awards and decorations including the Legion of Merit; Meritorious Service Medal (5-times), Army Commendation Medal (2-times) and many more. Burney retired with the rank of full Colonel in 2002. After retiring from the military, he began his civilian career as a high school ROTC Instructor at Central High School in Haynesville, Alabama. Next in his career, he joined the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and subsequently served as the Deputy Division Director of the Emergency Response Division. He retired from the CDC after 15 years of service.

Burney is an active member of the Lambda Sigma Chapter of Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc. He is a member of the Mt. Moriah Baptist Church and also volunteers with Meals on Wheels and the Gwinnett County, Georgia voting precinct.

In 2017, Burney was inducted into the Tuskegee University ROTC Hall of Fame.

Burney continues to support the Tuskegee General Fund. He also supports the Beta Kappa Chapter of Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc. and other Greek Organizations as they provide funds to Tuskegee University through alumni member contributions.

Burney and his wife Minerva Martin, a TU alumna - Class of '77, currently reside in Tucker, Georgia. They are the proud parents of two daughters.