



**Dewey Varner, Sr.**  
**Class of 1971**

**Dewey Varner, Sr.**, an excellent athlete, played basketball and baseball at Tuskegee from 1965-1969. His tenacity and commitment to sports, especially basketball, earned him recognition as most valuable player in 1968. Varner's scoring ability and leadership skills played a major role in the success of the team. His scoring average was 23 points per game with a high of 38 points against a rival team - Alabama State University.

Varner's dedication to the game of basketball continued into his professional life. In 1969, he attended tryouts with the American Basketball Association and again in 1970 with the National Basketball Association. He coached girls basketball at Apopka High School from 1979-1982 and went undefeated for six consecutive seasons. He was named coach of the year 1978-1982.

Varner was a vocational arts instructor for more than thirty years in several schools in Orange County Florida. Through his work as an educator and volunteer with his church and other community organizations, he has had significant impact on the lives of young men and women. He is a member of the National Education Association, the Classroom Teachers Association, the NAACP and the Executive Board of his local Community Action Program.