



Edwin Jay Grimm
Class of 1979

Edwin Jay Grimm, a native of Sylacauga, Alabama entered Tuskegee University in 1970 on a four-year football scholarship as a quarterback. Jay was immediately tasked to install the high-powered offense of New Tuskegee coach, *Haywood Scissum*. Jay lettered all four years while at Tuskegee and was named Comeback Player of the Year his senior year after recovering from a knee injury.

Jay served in the Alabama Army National Guard and would eventually satisfy his military obligation on active duty. He completed his BS in Physical Education, and a master's degree in Special Education (ED) at Tuskegee.

Jay began his twenty-year coaching career as an assistant at Tuskegee, coaching quarterbacks and receivers. These athletes called themselves the "T-Birds". Many of his athletes are enshrined in the TUAHOF. Jay also coached football and track for 18 years, coaching quarterbacks, and as offensive coordinator and athletic director. His track teams won three regional championships and one runner-up. His 1992 track team finished 3rd in the state with only six athletes. Grimm was a high school assistant principal before being named middle school principal of a Title One school. Grimm's school would become a *state school of excellence* under his leadership. He opened a new middle school in 2002. His school would receive a *national honor* as a "*Lighthouse School to Watch*". Jay served as chairman of numerous SACs Accreditation teams throughout the state. Grimm retired from the Douglas County, GA School System.

Grimm's community involvement is expansive: Life Member of Georgia Association of Educators, member National Education Association, manager of a voting precinct, volunteer marshal at the FedEx Cup Golf Championship, superintendent of Sunday school, member of the Board of Directors for the Boys and Girls Club, Douglasville, GA.

Grimm is a consistent contributor to Tuskegee University via: The 1881 Project, Annual General Donations, TASS Golf tournaments at homecoming and classics, Skegee Golden Tiger, Inc., and a member of the Atlanta Tuskegee Alumni Club.

Grimm and his wife, Ernestine of 49 years, reside in Winston, GA, and they have two sons, and three grandsons.