



Henry M. "Mike" Jones
Class of 1969

Henry M. "Mike" Jones, a 1969 alumnus of Tuskegee Institute, is principal of B. C. Rain High School in Mobile, Alabama. Since his graduation from Tuskegee, he has enjoyed continued success as a professional athlete, teacher, coach, counselor, assistant principal, and now principal. In addition to his professional endeavors, Mr. Jones has been active in the various communities in which he resided. He is a mentor to students, and he has a stellar record in educational leadership.

Mr. Jones was an outstanding athlete at Central High School in Mobile, Alabama, prior to graduating in the class of 1965. He played on the football and baseball teams and won an athletic scholarship to Tuskegee Institute. Jones' prowess on the playing field continued at Tuskegee earning him All-Conference recognition in baseball in 1967 and football in 1968. He also served as captain of the baseball team in 1967. He capped off an outstanding athletic career at Tuskegee in 1969 when he was drafted by the Dallas Cowboys of the National Football League. Jones and ten other Golden Tigers signed with professional teams that year, a school record.

During the 1969-70 year, he played for the Dallas Cowboys. He returned to Tuskegee Institute in 1970 and served as a part-time assistant football coach, graduate counselor, and teacher while working on his Master of Education degree, which he received in Guidance and Counseling in 1971. He taught, coached football and served as a counselor in schools in Alabama, Florida and Ohio from 1970-1982. In 1982, he returned to his hometown, Mobile, where he was employed with the Mobile County Public Schools.

A dedicated professional, Jones has been exemplary in his efforts to make life better for those whose lives he touched. He is an ever-present coach, teacher, counselor, always instilling in students a positive attitude about life and themselves, the need for discipline and commitment, and a thirst for education to make a better way of life. His primary mission has been to help students prepare for and gain admission to colleges and universities throughout the country but, most often to have the "Tuskegee Experience" by enrolling at his own Alma Mater, Tuskegee University.

Jones is the member of several state and national organizations including the National Association of Secondary Schools Principals, National Education Association, American Personnel and Guidance Association, Association for Supervision and Curriculum, 100 Black Men of America, Kappa Delta Pi National Education Honor Society and Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity.