



James Oliver Dudley
Class of 1965

James Oliver Dudley, a resident of Bessemer, Alabama enrolled in Tuskegee University (Institute) in 1960. He joined the Tuskegee Tigers football team in the position of offensive end. He lettered for four seasons and was honored as most valuable lineman, captain of the team, all conference selection, and outstanding sportsmanship. Dudley also signed as a free agent with the Pittsburgh Steelers.

Dudley graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree in Physical Education. He earned his Master of Arts and AA degrees in administration/superintendent certification from Alabama State University with a grade point average of 3.8. He was recognized in Who's Who among American Colleges and Universities.

Dudley's career in education began as a social studies teacher, head basketball coach and assistant football coach at Westfield High School, Birmingham, Alabama. He later taught Physical Education and served as head basketball coach at Brighton High School, Brighton, Alabama, during which time he was named Coach of the Year and was a member of the Alabama-Mississippi All-star Classic coaching staff. He left Brighton and went to Wenonah High School, Birmingham, Alabama and was again named Coach of the Year after leading the team to the state play-offs. He also served as assistant football coach for one year at Mississippi Valley State University, Itta Bena, Mississippi. He returned to the Jefferson County school system as head basketball coach, assistant football coach and social studies teacher at Minor High School. He became assistant principal and director of the after-school program at Minor High School. He served as principal of Bottenfield Middle School, Adamsville, Alabama and Brighton High School, Brighton, Alabama. He retired from the Jefferson County school system in 2002 after 38 years of service.

Dudley is a member of First Missionary Baptist Church in Hueytown, Alabama, where he is director of the community outreach program. He has served on the Trustee Board at Sixth Avenue Baptist Church and a Sunday school teacher at Hopewell Baptist Church in Birmingham, Alabama. Dudley has been affiliated with many community, professional, and service organizations including, The Owls Club, Inc., Metropolitan Football Officials Association, SIAC Football Officials Association, and a local Professional Educators Association.

Dudley is a member of the Birmingham – Tuskegee Alumni Association which supports Tuskegee University with an annual financial donation. He continuously and consistently supports the Alumni Association in all endeavors to support Tuskegee University.