



Korda R. Joseph Muhammad

Class of 1985

Korda R. Joseph Muhammad of Birmingham, AL enrolled at Tuskegee Institute in 1979 on an athletic scholarship after an outstanding high school career. Korda quickly demonstrated his athleticism as a running back and kicker at Tuskegee. His crowning achievement was kicking a winning 54-yard field goal with no time left on the clock against Alabama A&M during the 1981 Centennial Homecoming game. This feat earned him the name “The Golden Toe.”

Joseph Muhammad earned a BS degree in Physical Education in 1985. After working briefly as a Teacher’s Assistant, he was accepted into the Master’s Program at Alcorn State where he worked alongside renowned Head Coach Theophilus Danzy as a Graduate Assistant. In 1993 he completed his Master of Science and returned to the Birmingham City School System.

Initially drafted as a Free Agent by the Birmingham Stallions Football team, Korda was subsequently cut from their roster. Joining the ranks of the Birmingham Rugby Club proved to be an outlet for his athletic pursuits, as he received the 1986 Rookie of the Year Award.

After 28 years as a dedicated PE Teacher and Coach, Joseph Muhammad retired from the Birmingham School System in 2016, having groomed such players as Sam Shade, a former Washington Redskin and current Head Coach at Alabama A&M Univ.as well as Grady Brown, current Defensive Back Coach with the New Orleans Saints. Korda currently works as a Life Agent with Corebridge Financial, previously known as AIG.

Community wise, Joseph Muhammad worked with inner city youth as a Lifeguard and Water Safety Instructor. He is also an Ad Hoc Member of Central Alabama Caribbean American Organization, a nonprofit founded by his wife Pauline, that annually awards scholarships to students from the Caribbean attending school in Central Alabama, including Tuskegee.

Joseph Muhammad and Pauline support Tuskegee through the Shelby County Tuskegee Alumni Club, Tuskegee’s Annual Giving, as well as via Skegee Golden Tigers, Inc.

Joseph Muhammad and Pauline reside in Birmingham, Alabama. He has five children from a previous marriage/relationship: Christopher, Khalil, Solomon, Aliyah and Safiyah.