



Maurice Heard  
Class of 1993

Maurice "Mo" Heard, had an outstanding football career at Tuskegee University from 1988 to 1991. A four-year starter at quarterback, he established himself as one of the all-time greats in Tuskegee University, SIAC and NCAA Division II football history.

The Tuskegee, Alabama native held all of the Tuskegee University passing records amassing 8,434 yards and 87 touchdown passes. His talent earned him 1<sup>st</sup> team All-America honors from Sheridan Black Network, Black College Sports, College Sports Preview and Street and Smith. Heard was ranked fifth in NCAA Division II football in career passing yards and second in touchdown passes. Only Doug Williams of Grambling had more touchdown passes (93). Maurice was twice named (1990 & 91) Southern Intercollegiate Athletics Conference (SIAC) Player of the Year, Offensive Player of the Year and 1<sup>st</sup> Team Quarterback. In addition, he was the 1990 recipient of the Oliver M. Thompson Trophy by the Pigskin Club of Washington, D.C. as SIAC Player of the Year and 1990 & 91 SIAC Player of the Year as selected by the 100 Percent Wrong Club of Atlanta.

Heard was one of 31 nominees in 1990 & 91 for the Harlon Hill Trophy, the trophy recognizing the best NCAA Division II football player in the nation. In 1991, he was selected a finalist and finished fifth in the final Harlon Hill Trophy voting.

Heard's career totals of 556 completions in 1,134 attempts for 8,434 yards and 87 touchdowns in 40 games shattered Tuskegee University and SIAC marks. In his career at Tuskegee University, in 40 starts he passed for two or more TDs in 26 games, three or more in 18 games, four or more in 7 games and five or more in four games.

Heard earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Political Science (1993). He recently added a Master of Science degree in Sport and Fitness Management from Troy University (2008).

His professional career began in coaching when he joined the football coaching staff at Alabama A&M University (1993) as the receivers coach. After one year, he joined the coaching staff at Savannah State University, GA (1994-96). Heard also served as Head Baseball Coach (1996) at Savannah State University and won the 1996 SIAC Baseball Championship. He was named 1996 SIAC Baseball Coach of the Year. After leaving Savannah, Heard went on to serve as an assistant football coach at Delaware State University (1997-98), Fort Valley State University, GA (1999) and a second stint at Alabama A&M University (2000-2002). He also coached and taught in the Dekalb County School System, GA (2002-2004) before returning to Tuskegee University as the Assistant Business Manager for Housing in 2005.

Maurice resides in Tuskegee and is an active member of the Tuskegee Church of Christ and