



RICHARD "BUCK" SHAW
Class of 1972

A 1972 All American, "Buck" Shaw was team captain, most valuable player, and most valuable defensive back of the 1972 football team. While at Tuskegee, he led the team in interceptions and returns for touchdowns. His memorable moments at Tuskegee include: a leaping one hand interception to take the ball from Pro Hall of Famer, John Stallworth; an interception at the 8-yard line against Florida A & M University in a 16-7 win; and an interception of a Lloyd Ivey pass in the end zone along with a 65-yard return on the last play at the Turkey Day Classic Game in Montgomery, Alabama.

Not only did he excel in football, he also was three times named most valuable player in baseball with a .442 batting average he led the nation in stolen bases. Shaw held numerous records on the baseball field. During a double header game against conference rival Lane College, he had, a double, a triple, a three-run homer, 2 singles, 2 walks, 2 stolen bases and drove in 8 RBI's. "Buck" Shaw was drafted by the Saint Louis Cardinals Organization where he played two years in the professional ranks.

Following his professional baseball career, he chose to make the lives of youth better by giving back. Serving as athletic coach (football, baseball, basketball, power lifting,) teacher, and counselor, his career includes positions in Florida, Georgia and Alabama from 1974 through 2001. He has been in the playoffs 18 of his 22 years of coaching

Shaw has five children: Jonathan, Rhonda, Tonya, Richard, Jr. and Richmond.

His favorite saying is, **"Do all you can do, for you will never pass this way again; and when you get to the end you will not regret from within. I want to be an asset to the program, and not a liability."**