

Uriel “buddy” Allen

“An Extraordinary Coach”
Excellence for Two Decades”

Education- He was born in Houston, Texas in 1938 and attended elementary and secondary school in the Galena Park Independent School District. He attended the now defunct Fidelity Manor Junior-Senior High School in the Clinton Park Area. He was an outstanding student in mathematics and served as a student athletic trainer for 6 years at Fidelity Manor High School. For his dedicated service, he was awarded an athletic and academic scholarship to Grambling State University in Ruston, Louisiana. He then earned a bachelors degree in science with honors in 1957.

Coaching Honors- He started his career in teaching and coaching at B.T. Washington High School in Houston. There, he was assigned to teach mathematics and coach the 7th grade boy’s track team in 1968. He won the 12 and under boys track city championship three consecutive years. He was also one of the three founders for the girls track teams as we know today along with Oliver “Show” Brown, coach of the Houston Spikettes, and Herman Goldberg, coach of the Houston Astrobelles. His team was called the Studewood Eagles. All of these teams were A.A.U. affiliated. During this time there were no track and field competitions for girls in the large metropolitan cities in the state of Texas. The first track and field interscholastic competition for girls in the city of Houston started in the spring of 1971. It was a city championship meet in which Coach Allen won handily. During this period in girls track, Coach Allen developed athletes such as Lena Gibbs (sprinter/hurdler), Loretta Edwards (sprinter-quarter mile), and Rosalind Winfrey (sprinter-quarter mile). Coach Allen never lost a district meet as the head coach for the B.T. Washington High School Eagles girl’s track and field team in 20 years. He was selected as coach of the year for 18 years in H.I.S.D. and was inducted in the Hall of Honor by the Houston Coaches Association in 2003. The entirety of this enviable record is as follows: District Champs - 20 years, Region III Champs -14 years, and State U.I.L. Runner-Ups – 4 years.