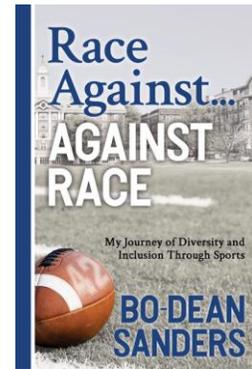


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***Race Against...Against Race***  
**A Unique Perspective on Diversity and Inclusion**

**Philadelphia, Pa., 2021**– Determination. Teamwork. Equality. You’ll read these words in Bo-Dean Sanders’ memoir, *Race Against...Against Race: My Journey of Diversity and Inclusion Through Sports*. In his debut release, Sanders writes about his college football journey but also his individual journey tackling issues of unconscious bias, social acceptance, race relations, and cultural identity and the positive impact multiculturalism had on his relationships in college. Sprinkled with personal revelations, the book provides a unique perspective on diversity and inclusion.

“Although ‘race’ appears in the title of every chapter and topic in this book, the intense introspective by Bo-Dean Sanders is really a wonderful look at the race through life by a person who lived much of it in totally different worlds. The best part about it is to see how he is winning that race.”

—**Tony Leodora**, owner TL Golf Services, host of “GolfTalk Live” radio show, and host of the “Traveling Golfer” television program

In *Race Against...Against Race*, Sanders invites readers to share in his real-life experiences; as an athlete growing up playing high school football in Jacksonville, Fla.; as a college student who left the comfort of Cheyney University, the oldest Historically Black College-University (HBCU) in America; as a transfer student at an affluent Main Line University where he faced financial problems, homelessness, and an uncertain future. He persevered in the face of adversity and continued reaching for the Black American dream. He even made a few famous friends along the way. Throughout his journey, he navigated his way through his new and different environment after realizing that he and his fellow teammates didn’t fit into anyone’s stereotypes of them. His white teammates and roommates at Villanova University became family – and his college education on-and-off the field gave him the skills to build relationships with people of different races.

Published by Morgan James Publishing, there is much to learn from *Race Against...Against Race* and Sanders' experiences. Consumers can pre-order *Race Against...Against Race* through their favorite online bookstores including Amazon, Barnes & Noble, Books-a-Million, Indigo, Powell's Books, Indie Bound, and Bookshop. The public debut date December 22, 2020.

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"In *Race Against...Against Race* Sanders tells a riveting story of pushing himself to reach the goal that he thought mattered most—becoming a collegiate and professional football player. It is a gripping tale of growing up under the weightiness of segregation and the working class in the South and leaving home to go north to start life on his terms. Much of what he learned along the way is the same things that many of us come to appreciate—to value family, friends and to embrace new beginnings. In this way, Sanders pushes the reader to recall their own childhood and dreams for the future. But Sanders learned so much more in his race against- against race, and in the end, things work out exactly as they were meant." — **Allener M. Baker-Rogers, Ed.D.**, retired university administrator and assistant professor of educational research and co-author of *They Carried Us: The Social Impact of Philadelphia's Black Women Leaders*

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## About the Author

**Bo-Dean Sanders** was born in 1965 in Jacksonville, Florida where he and his siblings were raised by their single mother. He learned his values by attending his grandmother's Baptist church. His love of sports began while watching college football on Saturdays and NFL games on Sundays. In 1981–1982, Bo-Dean represented Jean Ribault High, his all-Black high school, as the Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA) athlete of the year in football. He started his college football career in 1984 as a walk-on at Cheyney University, the oldest Historically Black College-University (HBCU) in America. He transferred to Villanova University where he played football on a majority white team (Villanova had previously dropped football after the 1980 season but reinstated it in 1984.) In 1989, he earned his varsity jacket and ring and became the only male on his mother's side of the family to receive a four-year, Bachelor of Arts degree.

He's currently a board member of the Delaware County Press Club. Over the years, Bo-Dean has been part of notable articles in the *Philadelphia Inquirer*, *Delco Times*, *Town Talk*, *Delaware Business Magazine*, *Out & About Magazine*, *County Press*, and *Main Line Today*.

Bo-Dean writes about diversity & inclusion in sports and the positive impact multiculturalism had on his personal relationships in college.

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