

# It's Never Too Late: Alan Moore

Alan Moore looks older than his years. His hair is graying. His beard is even grayer. His face is wrinkled. He doesn't walk as fast as he once did. He has worked hard, and it has been a good life. But at 60, he decided to finish something that he started when he was 18.

## The Story Begins

Alan Moore's story begins in 1968. He was a freshman at Jones College in Mississippi and was a placekicker for the football team. Moore left college to fight in the Vietnam War. He served in the army for 11 months. When he got out, he went to work. He spent 40 years in construction. He married and had three children. He has five grandchildren.

Moore retired in 2009 and now lives in Florida. But he still has family in Mississippi. A trip there to visit his grandchildren changed his life. He saw a college football game. It sparked the desire to play football.

Moore built a goal post in his daughter's yard. He bought some footballs and kicking shoes. His shoes had square toes, just like the ones he wore in the 1960s. His style was old time, too. He kicks straight-on. He does not kick soccer-style like kickers do today. Moore practiced until he was accurate enough to try out for a college team.

## Moore Joins the Football Team

In 2010, he applied to Holmes Community College in Mississippi. He was accepted and kicked a couple of times in Holmes football games. In 2011, he switched to Faulkner University in Alabama.



61 year old Vietnam War veteran Alan Moore is a place kicker for the Faulkner University football team.

On September 10, 2011, Moore suited up for the season opener. Early on, his team scored a touchdown and he jogged out to kick the extra point. In that moment, he became the oldest man to play in a college football game. After the game, Moore said, "It's not about me, and it's not about being old. It's about the team."

## Never Give Up Your Dreams

When asked why he wanted to do this, his answer was simple. "My story is showing these kids there's no reason to give up your dreams. There's no reason not to continue trying to get your education."

And Moore is getting his education. He's not just practicing kicking. He's going to classes and studying. This isn't some kind of stunt to him. He's serious about his education.

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