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Coaches Association



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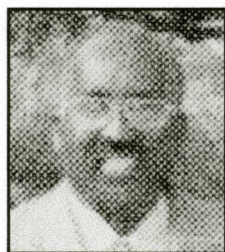
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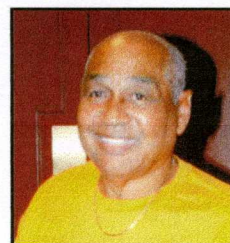
## *Congratulations To The* **Prairie View Interscholastic League Coaches Association** **2009 Hall of Fame Induction Banquet**



**King Arthur Prayther**  
*Master of Ceremony*

When a group of coaches and athletes get together, you hear things that you've never heard before. That was the case, July 18, 2009 at the Radisson Hotel North, Austin, Texas, when the Prairie View Interscholastic League Coaches Association assembled to celebrate its 2009 Hall of Fame Induction ceremony.

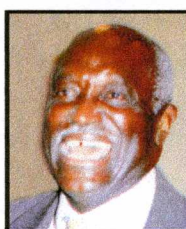
PVILCA Chairman, **Robert Brown** directed the banquet activities as if he were the maestro of a symphony orchestra.



**Robert Brown**  
*PVILCA Chairman*



**Dr. Gregory Vincent**  
*Speaker*



**Edward Charles Jones**

**King Arthur Prayther** served as master of ceremony. He warned all speakers that they had two minutes to make their acceptance speeches, and that their time was up if he started to clap. Would you believe that one of the inductees continued to talk even after the entire ball room stood clapping. (He thought they were responding positively to his speech.) The more they clapped the more he talked, until King Arthur took the



**Walter Yates, Sr.**



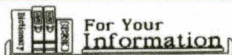
**James "Clint" Williams**

bull by the horns, threw the red flag and took the microphone. There were many humorous moments. **Donald Dickson**, who is now a pastor, wanted to know who was responsible for the music. He noted that there were a lot of Oldies but Goodies. He made the point that some of his female parishioners were really swaying to the music and that they would be the same ones shouting to Amazing Grace on Sunday mornings. **Enoch Dixon** advised the M/C who had problems in pronouncing his

name, that if he knew the Bible he would know the correct pronunciation of his name. He gave the book, chapter and verse number. He also had the crowd roaring when he told how he became an outstanding running back at Charlton-Pollard, Beaumont. He played during the era of the Smith brothers, (the ones without the beards) Bubba, Toby and their father/coach, Willie Ray Smith. Enoch stands about 5'8" or 5'9" (give or take a few inches). Toby stands a full 6'5" and played center. Enoch wanted to play quarterback. When he got into position to take the snap from center you can imagine where his nose landed. So after a few exchanges



***Pictures Displayed Of Life Members  
and Hall of Fame Inductees***



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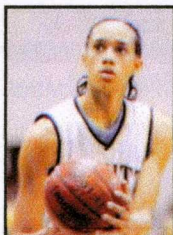
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## FOUR STUDENT ATHLETES RECEIVE \$1,000.00 SCHOLARSHIPS

### **Brittney Griner - Nimitz High School** Female Athlete of the Year - 2009



**Brittney Griner**

**Brittney Griner** has become a basketball legend across the nation. Griner a 6'8" senior at Aldine Nimitz high school in Houston, Texas started receiving national attention in 2007 after a video of her displaying her dunking abilities surfaced on YouTube. In the 2006-2007 season, as a sophomore she averaged 23 points 11 rebounds and six blocked per game, including six triple doubles. She has grown eight inches since her freshman year and her father expects her to tap out at 6-foot-10 or 6-foot-11. Griner wears a size 18 shoes in men's and boasts an 86 inch wingspan. during the 2007-2008 season Griner led the area in scoring, blocked shots and dunks. On Feb. 11, 2008 Griner posted 29 points, 13 rebounds, 11 blocked shots and nine assists in helping her team to a first round playoff win over rival Westside High School. In that game, she dunked twice. She finished her junior year averaging 24.6 points, 12.3 rebounds and 5.9 blocks per game. She also shot 64% from the field. The Griner led Cougars ended the season with a 27-8 winning record. In the 2008-2009 basketball season, Griner now a senior averaged 27.5 points per game, as well as, a double-double. She also recorded 11 triple-doubles. The Nimitz High Cougars season ended on March 7, 2009 at the Texas State Champions Basketball Tournament in Austin, Texas. They posted an outstanding record of 37 wins against only 2 losses. Next stop for Britney.... Baylor University

### **Dominique Smith**

#### **Dallas Madison High School**

#### **Male Athlete of the Year - 2009**

Dominique Smith as a senior, earned MVP honors on James Madison High School 3A University Interscholastic League State Championship Basketball Team 2009. As a student, Dominique



**Dominique Smith**

held a grade point average of 3.2 on a scale of 4.0. Dominique will be attending Richland Community College on an athletic scholarship. It is his intention to play basketball for two and go on to play for a four year university.

### **Brandon Marquis Lee**

#### **Yates Senior High School**

#### **Male Academic**

#### **Athlete of the Year - 2009**

Brandon Marquis Lee is the son of Melvin Hurst and Cynthia Lee. He earned a 3.01 GPA and was awarded a Project GRAD Academic Scholarship. His favorite class was History; however, he did his best work in English. He contributes his success to the help of God, family and friends.



**Brandon Marquis Lee**

his dedication to his academics carried over into the game of basketball. The hard work on the basketball court paid off when he was named co-captain of the team by coach Greg Wise and his teammates. Brandon and his team had a phenomenal year cumulating with winning the 4A State Championship in March 2009. The team ranked in sports polls as the number two team in the nation. Brandon worked very hard to develop both academic and athletic skills necessary to attend college. In the fall, he will enter Jarvis Christian College, Jarvis, Texas where he plans to major in

### **Nicollette Aliane Carr**

#### **John H. Reagan Senior High School**

#### **Female Academic Athlete of the Year - 2009**



**Nicollette Aliane Carr**

Nicollette attended John H. Reagan High School for four years, and during her years at Reagan High School, she maintained a 3.5 grade point average and placed seventh in her class. She is an active member of the National Honor Society and participated in volunteer work. In sports, she's very determined, encouraging, patient and a great leader. She played volleyball and softball and was recognized on First and Second Team All District in both sports. This year she was considered an all star athlete. She joined the track team and the basketball team and enjoyed working on a team to accomplish a goal. She feels that the most important thing about playing sports is what you learn helps build character and respect. She loves to sing, write poetry, draw and be involved with her church, St John. She appreciates the opportunity and is honored to be given a PVILCA scholarship.

## PVILCA SPOTLIGHT

### ELLIS DAVIS

Ellis Davis, Jr. spent thirty years as a teacher and coach in elementary, middle and high school in Dallas, Texas. Twenty-three of those years were spent as head coach of Roosevelt High School. There, his teams were ranked in the state four times, winning state and once as runner-up and fifteen district titles. As an athlete at Emmett Scott High School in Tyler, Texas, Davis played basketball, football and ran track. He also played basketball and football at Bishop College for four years. He was captain of the football team. Davis received a Master's Degree from North Texas. He is a member of many social, civil and professional organizations. Among them are the American Cancer Society, Boy Scouts of America, Fellowship of Christian Athletes, United Negro College Fund, United Way, Texas State Teachers Association, Dallas Classroom Teachers Association, NEA, Texas High Coaches Association and Omega Psi Phi Fraternity



**Tommy "T.L." Wyatt, Jr.**



**Tommy Johnson**



**Nick Overton**



**Roland Hayes**



**Ed Robey**



**Thomas "Jack" Bellinger**



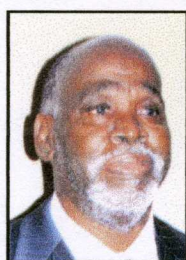
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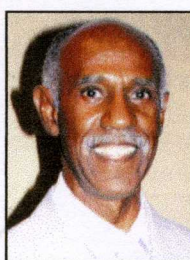
**Carolyn Sue  
Kemper**



**Arnell Stripling  
Johnson**



**Richard Black**



**Leroy  
Bookman, Sr.**



**James Dewalt**  
*Posthumously)*  
*Representative*



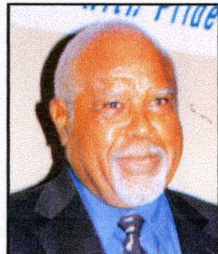
**Donald R. Dickson**



**George Daniels**  
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*Representative*



**Enoch Dixon**



**Melvin Edwards**



**Thomas "Bill" Edwards**



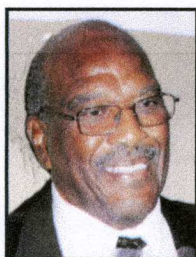
**Loretta Edwards**



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**Melvin Goffney**  
*Posthumously)*



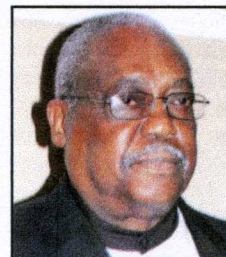
**Elijah Grady**



**John Hanson**



**Roosevelt  
Alexander**



**Joe Baker**



**Ralph Cooper**



**Charles "Tex"  
Harrison**



**Dr. Fredrick  
Haynes II**



**Eddie Hughes**



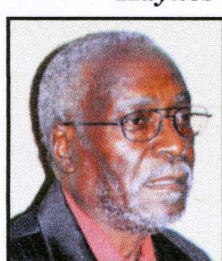
**Edwin Johnson**



**Chauncey King**



**Alvin Moore**



**Clarence Morgan**  
*Posthumously)*  
*Representative*



**Leo Nolan**



**George Richard  
Thomas**



**Albert "Big Al"  
Walker**



**Waylan  
Wallace**





**Fredrick Haynes II**  
*Meritorious*



**Harry Robinson, Jr.**  
*Meritorious*



**Gary Joseph Katy (5A)**  
*Coach of the Year Football*



**Greg Wise Yates (4A)**  
*Coach of the Year Basketball*



**Damien D. Mobley Dallas Madison (3A)**  
*Coach of the Year Basketball*



**Greg Williams Lancaster (4A)**  
*Coach of the Year Track*

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he decided to ask coach Smith if he could become a running back. There were many other entertaining stories. Have you ever met a coach or athlete without one? The program's speaker of the evening was Dr. Gregory Vincent, Vice President of the University of Texas. He emphasized the importance of our past and how we are the ones responsible for its memory to be passed on to our children. If we don't do it, who will? This is our legacy and we are the caretakers. There are many of us love to reminence about when we were young.

Compliments go to the following program committee members: Arthur Gillum (Invocation & Benediction); Thomas "Jack" Bellinger (Welcome); Robert Tapscott (Solo); James "Clint" Williams (Introduction of Speaker); Mrs. Beverly Day Humphrey (Lifetime Achievements); Edward Charles Jones (Meritorius Awards); Ed Robey (Sponsorship Awards); Walter Yates Sr. (Coaches of the Year); Ronald "Buck" Goodbeer (Athletes of the Year-Academics); Brannen Temple and James Alexander (Athletes of the Year-Sports); Ronald Hayes (Historical Overview of the PVILCA); Dr. Thurman Robins (Explanation and Recognition of Life Members); King Arthur Prayther (Induction Ceremony); Lewis Richardson II (Music).

Last but not least, kudos to the PVILCA Board Chairman, Robert Brown, who in his unrelenting style put together another succesful banquet. It just doesn't get any better.

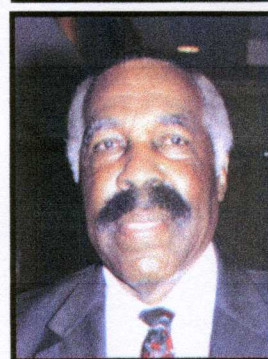
If we have missed anyone, please forgive us. Age can cause forgetfulness. If you have not experienced this, you will. Just keep on living.



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## 2009 PVILCA HALL OF FAME FACES IN THE CROWD



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Today!!**

## ABOUT THE EDITOR

Don A. James is a 1951 graduate of Houston's PhillisWheatley High School, where he played on the 1951 and 1952 State Championship Basketball Teams. The 1952 team was invited to play in the Negro National High School Tournament in Nashville, Tenn. The tournament was made up of champions from eighteen states. Wheatley lost in the finals 41-38 to Central High of Louisville, Kentucky and received the national runner-up trophy. Don earned a bachelor of science degree in 1956 from Dillard University in New Orleans, La. where he played basketball each of his four years there. He entered the U.S. Army and was named 1959 Athlete of the Year, Sandia Base, New Mexico. Don received a Masters from the University of Houston. He worked for 34 years in the Houston Independent School District as a teacher, assistant basketball coach, counselor, assistant principal, principal and an area district principal before retiring in 1991.



**Don A. James**

He and his wife, Virginia have 4 children, Donna James Cyphers, John Greogory Hightower, Duane Hightower and Sheryl Perriat. They have 5 grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren. Don was inducted into the PVILCA Hall of Fame in 2008. He is a life member

Don is a member of Trinity United Methodist Church, Houston and a life member of Kanna Alpha Psi Fraternity.