

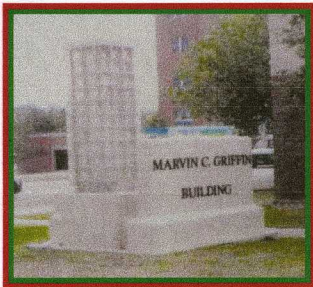
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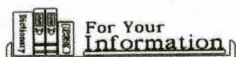
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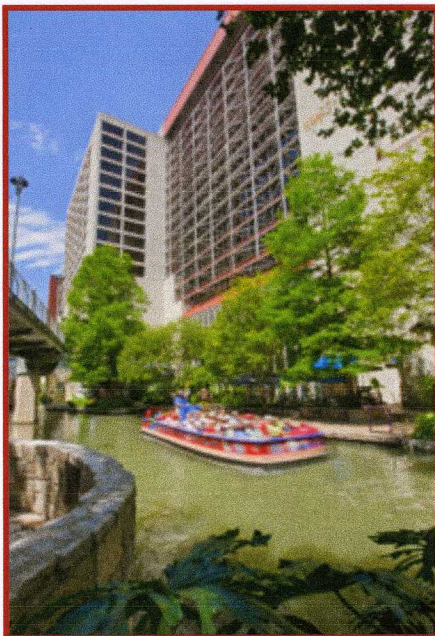
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2012 Hall of Fame and Honors Banquet

'It Started With 25'

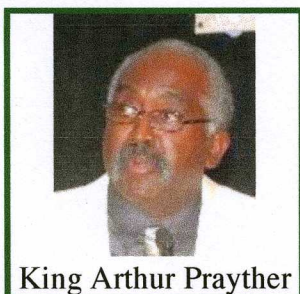


Saturday, July 28th, 2012 was the date the Prairie View Interscholastic League Coaches Associations held it's 33rd Annual Hall of Honor and Hall of Fame Banquet. The festivities were held in San Antonio, Texas at the Hyatt Regency Hotel. Last year in Fort Worth, we were promised by Chairman **Robert Brown**, that he would search for a venue that could accommodate the more than 800 attendees. Last year's attendance of 600 plus resulted in an overflow situation. This event seems to grow year after year and has become the place to be, once the date, time and location is announced. **King Arthur Prayther**, the perennial master of ceremony, in his opening remarks, recalled the first luncheon attendance of being a less than a turn-away crowd of 25. He delighted himself in reminding us of the legends who would not let this dream die. The hard work of **Jap**

Jones, Donald Grace, Walter Day, (who is credited with chronicling the history of the PVILCA Coaches Association), **Andrew "Pat" Patterson** and many more laid the foundation for this organization. Today, We stand on the broad shoulders of those men who refused to let this part of our history be forgotten.

Before the luncheon began, there was an atmosphere of excitement as former coaches met their former students, co-workers and competitors. Over the years, memories have a tendency to grow (but not to the point of exaggeration), because they are the facts as we lived them. The recollection of the past brings back many joys. The future is just that, because we don't know what it will bring. We realize that we can't live in the past forever, but certainly we can share it with our children. That's what history is all about.

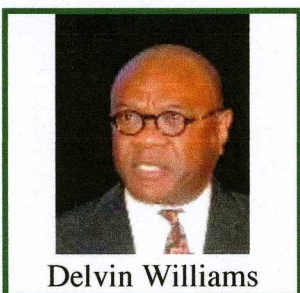
Arthur Gillum, in that deep baritone voice, gave the Invocation followed by **Thomas "Jack" Bellinger** with the Welcome. **James "Clint" Williams** introduced the speaker of the evening. **Delvin Williams**, NFL running back is a



King Arthur Prayther

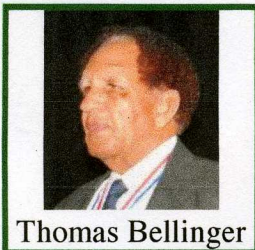
native Houstonian, graduating from Kashmere Garden High where he made Parade Magazine's 1970 high school All-American football team. He graduated from the University of Kansas with a Bachelor's of Science Degree in Education. In 1974 he was drafted in the second round by San Francisco. He led the Forty-niners in rushing three of the four years before being traded in 1978 to the Miami Dolphins.

Delvin became the first player in NFL history to rush for over a 1,000 yards for two different teams. During his speech he recognized two of his former coaches at Kashmere, the late **Billy Matthews** and **Kirby Jones** who was in the audience.

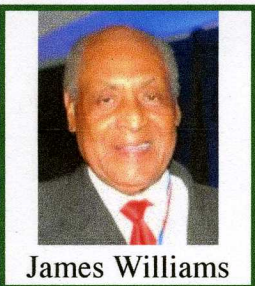


Delvin Williams

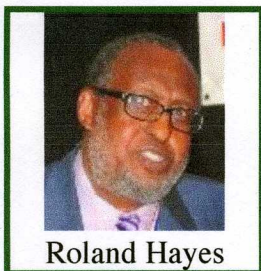
The central thought of his speech was "Life after Football". He spoke of the number of suicides of professional athletes who had retired from the game with little to do. He emphasized that they should have had a game plan to replace the Sunday afternoons roar of the fans. Delvin is the executive director and founder of "Pros



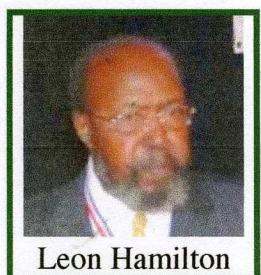
Thomas Bellinger



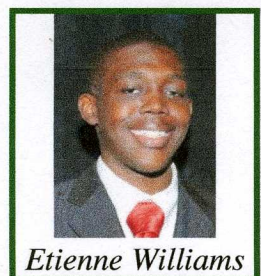
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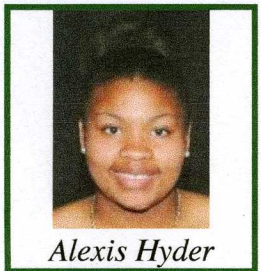
Roland Hayes



Leon Hamilton



Etienne Williams



Alexis Hyder

for Kids" which sought to curb substance abuse among youths. **Roland Hayes** gave a historical overview of the PVILCA. **Dr. Thurman Robins** explained how the life membership came into being. He described Life Members as the backbone of the PVILCA and encouraged all to become members. He had all life members to stand which resulted in a roaring acknowledgement.

Next on program was **Leon "Big Hamp" Hamilton**. As usual he was his witty self introducing student athletes of the year beginning with the **Dr. Gregory Vincent - Academic Award** to both male & female students. The winners were **Etienne J. Williams II.** and **Alexis Hyder**.

Big Hamp reminded us that back in the day we had the "no pass no play" rule. Coaches enforced it.

Etienne is a senior student/athlete at The Milton B. Lee Science and Technology Academy in San Antonio, Texas with a 3.6 grade point average. He is co-captain of the varsity basketball team and has held this leadership position for two years. He was awarded the Principal's Award in 2010, recognizing his leadership abilities on and off the basketball court. Etienne is a member of the San Antonio Mayor's Youth Commission. He is a volunteer engineering technician at his church. He has also volunteered for the San Antonio Food Bank. Etienne has been accepted at Texas Southern University. He plans to major in Electrical Engineering.

Alexis Hyder is the female Student Athlete Scholar from LBJ High School Austin, Texas. She started playing basketball at an early age.

Throughout her school career, she has managed to stay in the top 10% of her class. As a graduating senior at LBJ she is ranked 6th in a class of 220. During her free time Alexis volunteers with helping children and the elderly. Alexis will attend the University of North Texas.

The Leroy and Rose Bookman, Jr. III Athlete Award (male) was presented to Shannon Lilly, Jr. the senior guard of the State 4A Champions, Kimball High School of Dallas ISD. Shannon is a member of the Full Gospel Church in Lancaster, Texas. He is also a member of the "Pals Group", an organization of the top seniors who mentor junior high school students. Shannon has signed with Navarro Junior College. His goal is to become a teacher and coach who works with high school students. Shannon believes that God, family and hard work makes one successful.

The James Kennedy Athlete Award (female) was presented to **Ke'Andrea Wilson**, who is a senior at Lancaster High School. She has participated in the

UIL State Track and Field Meet for the past four years. Each year she has won a medal. In 2012 Lancaster won their 9th State Championship under coach Beverly Humphrey. Ke'Andrea plans to attend the University of Louisiana at Monroe. The **Coaches of the Year** were presented by **Beverly Day Humphrey**.

Mark Brady of Desoto High School has coached high school track and football in the Dallas-Fort Worth area for over thirty years. The last twenty years were spent at Desoto. He has guided the Eagles to nineteen District Championships and four Regional Titles. Prior to Desoto, in 1988 he took over a track and field program at Mansfield that had managed only one point in the district meet. The next year they won their first ever 5A State Championship.

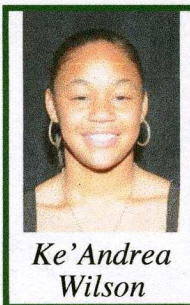
Beverly Day Humphrey, as a track star, became an Olympic trial finalist, teacher and coach. At Lincoln High School she set the record in the 100 yd. dash that stands today. She was recruited by USC, UCLA, Texas

Women's University and Prairie View A&M University where she accepted a scholarship and led them to a national championship. She began her coaching career in Greenville, Texas as a volleyball and track coach. She was the first African-American head coach in any sport in Greenville and Lancaster High School history.

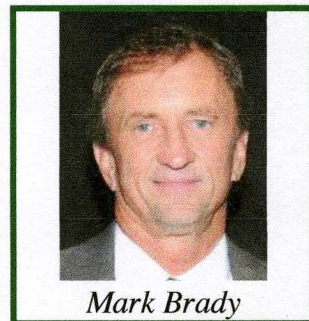
For the past 24 years she has been in the Lancaster Independent School District, where her teams have been dominating. She is currently the Head Track Coach at Lancaster High and Athletic Director for Lancaster ISD. In 2007 the District's football stadium was renamed.



Shannon Lilly, Jr.



Ke'Andrea Wilson



Mark Brady



Beverly Day Humphrey



Royce Johnson

Bevely D. Humphrey Tiger Stadium.

Royce "Snoop" Johnson is the son of Goree Johnson former coach of the Kimball High School. Royce and Goree are the only father-son to win back to back State Championships. Goree in 1996 and 1997 and Royce in

2011 and 2012. At 26, Johnson was the youngest head coach to coach in the UIL state championship game. Since becoming the head coach at Kimball Royce has compiled a record of 312 wins and 89 losses in 12 seasons. In 2002, Johnson was chosen to coach the



June Villers

USA team in the 18 and under Global Games. The USA team won it's only gold medal. On that team were future NBA stars, Chris Bosh, Ike Diougo, Antione Wright and Jarrett Jack.

June Villers is a graduate of Desoto High School and the University of Texas-Arlington. She has been

coaching and teaching mathematics for 16 years. Villers' Desoto Track Team won 5A State Championships in 2009, 2011 and 2012.

Greg Williams, a native of Waco, graduated from



Greg Williams

Richfield High in 1983. He began his teaching and coaching career at Lancaster. After 8 years he left to become head track coach at Wilmer-Hutchins High School. In 1998, he returned to Lancaster. Under his leadership, the Tigers have won 11 District Championships, 5 Regional Championships and 4 State

Championships, narrowly missing a 3-peat.

Marcus Wortham graduated in 1993 from Calvert High School where he was a three sports star in football, basketball and track. Marcus earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Physical Education from Texas A&M University in Canyon, Texas. He became head coach of his alma mater winning the 2012 Division 1A State Basketball Championship.



Marcus Wortham

The Meritorious Awards were presented by Cleve Freeman, Jr. However, before this presentation, a special acknowledgement and gift (a ring of the purple and gold PVICA logo) was made by **Charles Brown to Robert Brown** for his hard work. **Cleve Freeman, Jr.** followed with a similar gift to his high school coach, Charles Brown.



A Special Presentation

Cleve Freeman, Jr., Charles Brown, Barbara Brown, Carolyn Brown and Robert Brown

The First Meritorious Awardee is **Dana Barnes** a native of San Antonio where she shined as a successful sprinter earning several track and field scholarships. She attended Wayland Baptist University. In 2007, Dana began her teaching and coaching career with the School of Excellence in Education in San Antonio. In 2010, she was promoted to Athletic Director, working diligently to get her senior athletes recruited to colleges. She is currently the head track and field coach of The School of Excellence in Education.



Dana Barnes

Thaddeus Cartwright, Sr.

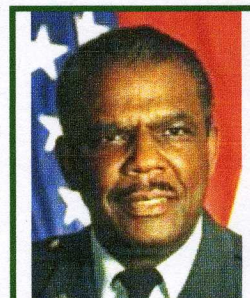
(Posthumously) graduated from Galveston Central High in 1944. He received his Bachelor of Science in Music Education from Southern University, Baton Rouge, La. He formed a jazz band and played all over New Orleans and Baton Rouge. He came to Baytown in 1948, serving as band director at George Washington Carver High School for 20 years. He led Carver to nine Division 1 rankings for marching and concert bands. He transferred to Ross Sterling as Assistant Director prior to retirement.



Thaddus Eugene Cartwright, Sr.

Major General Nathaniel

James was the commanding General of the New York Army National Guard responsible for command and control of 14,500 soldiers. General James was appointed as Commander of the 369th Transportation Battalion Division. In 1992 he was appointed commanding General of the New York Army National Guard. He was the first African American to serve in this position. General James has been a major supporter of the PVILCA.

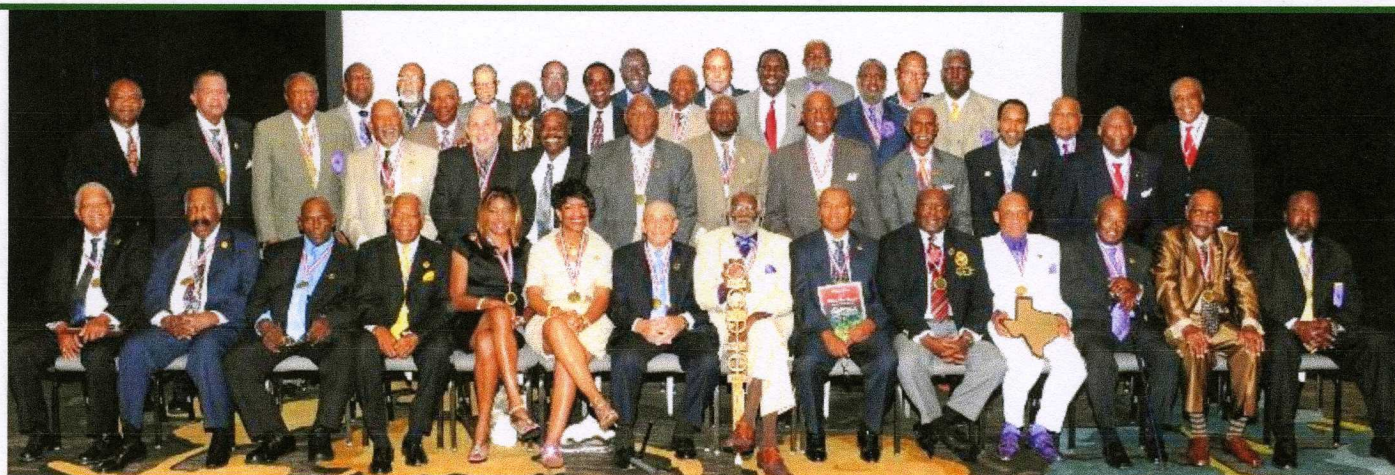


General Nathaniel James

Deloris Johnson is a product of Yates High School, Houston, Texas, where she was an outstanding orator. She developed her skills under her



Deloris Johnson



Life Members

speech coach, Mrs. Doris Bradford Williams who coached Deloris, Norma Woods and Lavella Hayes to first place in the PVIL Declamation Contest. She attended the following institutions, Hampton Institute, Texas Woman's University, University of Houston, Texas Southern University and the University of Guadalajara. After 33 years of service, Deloris retired from H.I.S.D in 1995.

One portion of the program was the highlight of the banquet. **King Arthur Prayther, Master of Ceremony, and Leon Hamilton, Timekeeper par Excellence**, explained the rules and regulations of the acceptance speeches and demonstrated how the time was to be kept. He first asked all the wives to stand to be recognized because he knew the other half might forget. He advised the honorees that their speeches were limited to two minutes. So due to age, some needed to get a head start so that when their time came to speak they would be near the podium.

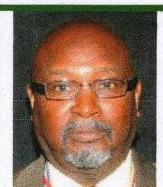
Leon explained that when he stood up the honoree should be near the end of his or her speech. If the speaker continued, he would do as it is done in church, he would clear his throat. And finally, if the speaker continued, he would use his Lionel Hampton xylophone instrument. and play a tune. The first honoree used only 12 seconds of his 2 minute allotment.

The honorees were so brief in their acceptance speeches, that the timekeeper could not play his xylophone. King Arthur suggested that he go to the

back and help in the kitchen.

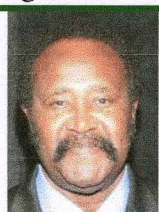
The **"Bridging the Gap" Award** recognizes those athletes who participated in both the PVIL and UIL.

Jerry Blair played under leadership of Hall of Fame coach, **Julius Shanklin** of the A.R. Turner High School and The Willis Wildcats. Blair was voted to the All District football team in 1973 and 1974. He played shortstop on the baseball team.



Jerry Blair

John Luther Clayton attended Lincoln High in Port Arthur and Southern



John Clayton

University in Baton Rouge where he received a Bachelor of Science degree. He signed a pro football contract with the Chicago Bears, and the Houston Oilers. He served as line coach under **Clifton Ozen** at Hebert High School. They were the first high school to play the Austin Rebels in a semi-final in the

Astrodome. Hebert High School won the Texas State Football Championship in 1976. In 1981, Hebert was renamed Westbrook and they won the State Championship

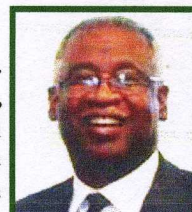


Rev. Danny Davis

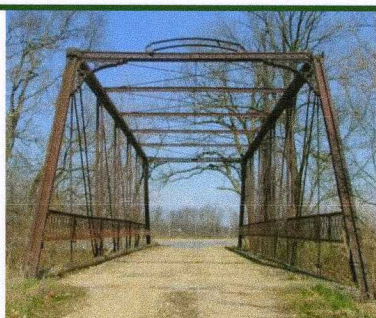
Rev. Danny Davis is a native of Dallas, Texas. He was the first black quarterback to integrate Carter High School. In 1974. he became the starting quarterback at the University of Houston where he accumulated a 20-5 record. In 2002 Danny was inducted in the University of Houston Hall of Fame.

Tommy Lee

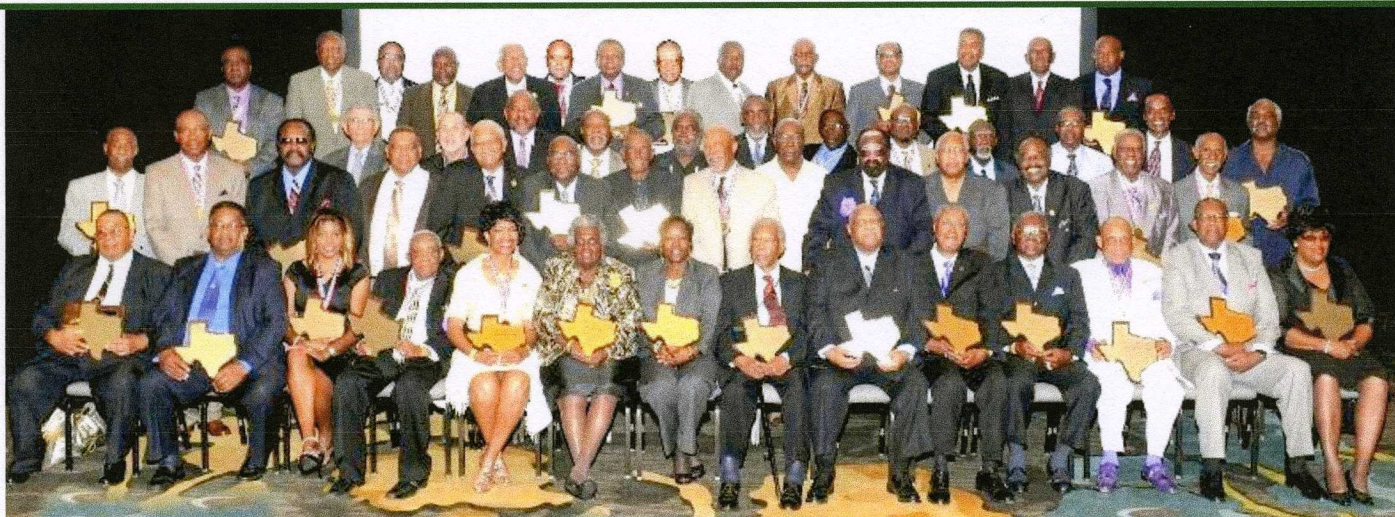
Gregg, Jr. a 1970 graduate of old L. C. Anderson High School in Austin, Texas, played all three sports but excelled in track. Tommy attended Grambling College after being recruited by Olympian Lee Calhoun. While in high school, Tommy was on the mile relay team that won the state title and was recognized as one of the best relay teams in the nation.



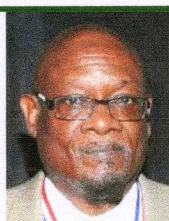
Tommy Lee Gregg



Bridging The Gap



The Class of 2012



*Henry
Johnson Jr.*

Henry Johnson, Jr. graduated from B.C. Elmore, Houston, Texas in 1968 and Prairie View A&M College. In 1975 he began teaching and coaching in H.I.S.D at Burbank, Reynolds and Cullen Middle Schools and at Sterling and Wheatley High Schools. While at Sterling he coached alongside his Mentor **Aaron "Jack" Walker**. He

considered track his favorite sport.

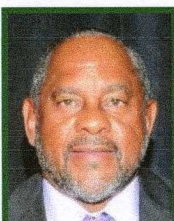
Sandra Jones graduated from Charlton-Pollard, Beaumont, Texas in 1966 and from Huston Tillotson College in Austin, Texas. Sandra coached volleyball, basketball and track at her alma-mater which became Beaumont Central in 1986. In 1997, Sandra Jones became track coach at



Sandra Jones

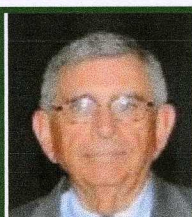
Ozen High School. The Lady Panthers have won eleven consecutive district championships (2001-2011) and were the first girls track team in the history of Beaumont to win the U.I.L. girls track and field championship.

Freddie Roland graduated from Lockhart High School in Lockhart, Texas in 1967. There he participated in



*Freddie
Roland*

football, basketball, baseball and track. After high school he attended Southwest Texas State University. There he received Bachelor of Science. Over the years, he has had many accomplishments including District 26-4A and Centex Coach of The Year (2008 -2009) and won ninety-seven district games winning streak. Freddie has coached at LBJ High School, Austin, Texas, Pearce Middle School, (Austin) and San Marcos High School. Freddie was an All-District football player in high school.



*George Hulen
Crow*



*Desmond
Henderson*



*Charles Adam
Hebert, Sr.*

George Hulen Crowe, athletic trainer at Baytown's Robert E. Lee and George Washington Carver. He was the trainer for the 1966 & 1981 Texas High All-Star Games. He retired in 2000 after 50 years of service. **Desmond Henderson Sr.**, outstanding swimmer from Booker T. Washington in Houston who received many accolades while helping Washington to win three consecutive City Championships. He continued with the Texas Southern University "Tiger Sharks". **Charles Adam Hebert, Sr.** a pitcher for Baytown Carver was one the best in the Baytown-Houston area He attended Southern University after which he had tryout with the Houston Astros.



*Jimmie K.
Emanuel*

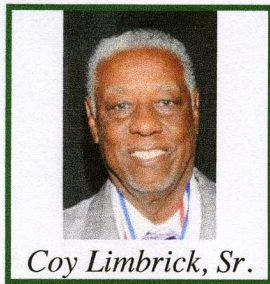


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Anderson Sr.*

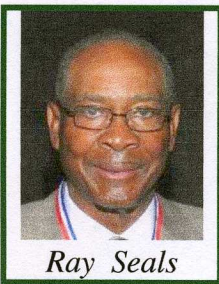


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Alexander*

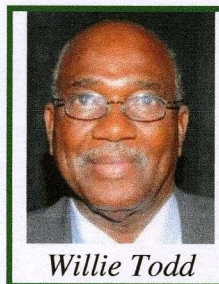
Jimmie Emanuel, outstanding coach at Crispus Attucks in Granger and Mary A. Brown High School in Smithville. In 1963 his team won the State Football Championship. **Carl Anderson** was the coach of the Lincoln Colored High School in Malakoff, Texas from 1946-1960. He coached both boys and girls teams both were winners. From 1950-1954 they won 96 games and lost only 21. His team won the State Basketball Championship in 1954 and finished 2nd in 1953. **Warren Alexander** was an outstanding quarterback from Gilbert Academy in New Orleans, La. His teaching and coaching career begin Terrell High School. He was a teacher and a coach at Hughes Middle School where he retired as an administrator



Coy Limbrick, Sr.

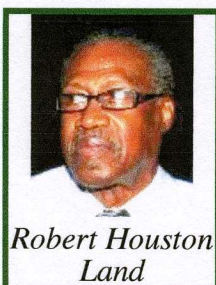


Ray Seals



Willie Todd

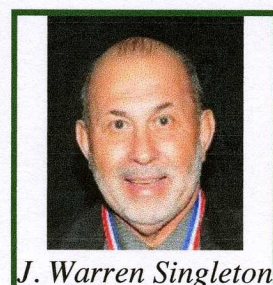
Coy Limbrick Sr. coached in Houston ISD for some 23 years in football, basketball and track. In 2008, he was inducted into the University of Houston Gulf Coast Scholastic Track Coaches Association. **Ray Seals** coached in Houston ISD for 46 years. He takes pride in hard work that has produced many stellar athletes who have gone on to professional careers. He has received many awards including the Don Shula National Coach of the Year Award. **Willie Todd** was a teacher and coach in Marshall ISD. His track teams went to the state track meet in 1975 and 1976 and won the 1977 Class 1A State Track and Field Championship. **Robert Land** graduated from



Robert Houston Land

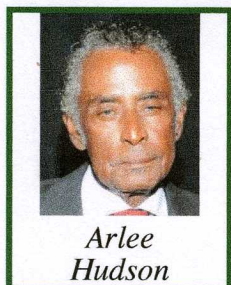


Debra Mason

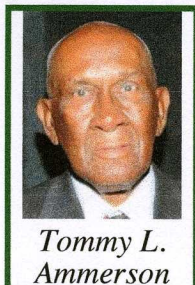


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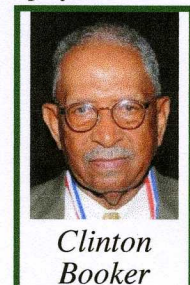
J.H. Rowe High in Jasper, Texas, where he participated in football, basketball and track. His coach, Jack Bellinger gave him the name "Guts". He was an outstanding athlete. **Deborah Mason**, graduated from J. H. Rowe High School excelling in both basketball and track. She played guard on the basketball team and ran the first leg on the 220 and 440 yd relay teams. She set a record in the 50 yd dash which still stands today. **J. Warren Singleton**, graduated from George Washington Carver in Baytown, Texas. On the 1962 football team, he played both the offensive and defensive end positions, but he stood out in track where he anchored Carver's 440 yard relay team which was undefeated in 1963. He was the captain of that team. **Arlee Hudson**, a standout baseball player from B. T.



Arlee Hudson

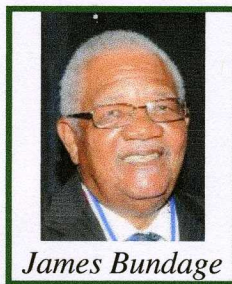


Tommy L. Ammerson

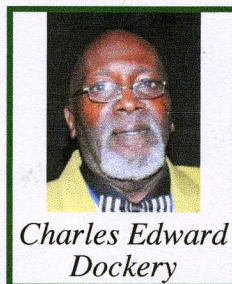


Clinton Booker

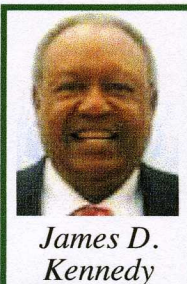
Washington in Conroe, Texas played three sports, football, basketball and baseball. His senior year he had a batting average of .401. **Tommy L. Ammerson**, excelled as a forward on the 1953 Phillis Wheatley, San Antonio team. He was captain of the 1953 team and an all district performer. **Clinton Booker** graduated from Bessmay High School in 1960. He was a talented basketball player. Clinton now resides in Beaumont, Texas. **James Bundage** graduated from Baytown's George Washington Carver in 1960 where he lettered in basketball and track & field. The 1960 mile relay team was district and state champions. He was district champion in the



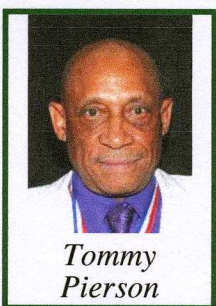
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Charles Edward Dockery

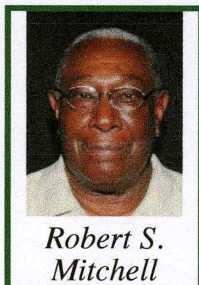


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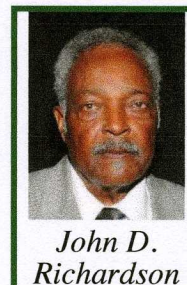


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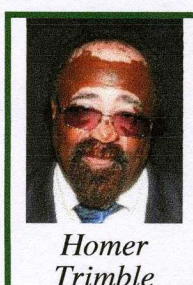
440yd dash. **Charles Dockery** a track star from L. C. Anderson High School, Austin, Texas, was elected to the OLCAA Sports Hall of Fame. **James Kennedy** graduated from Carver High School in Maples, Texas. He was an outstanding track star. **Tommy Pierson**, a member the 1965 State Football Champions of Booker T. Washington of Conroe, was inducted with his brother. **Robert**



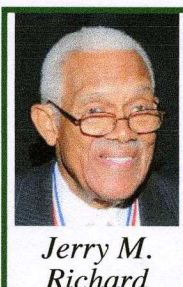
Robert S. Mitchell



John D. Richardson

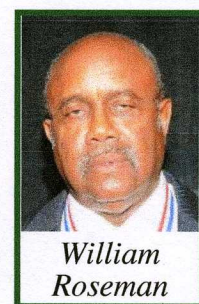


Homer Trimble

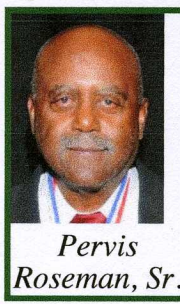


Jerry M. Richard

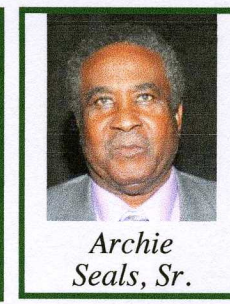
Mitchell, was a basketball star at Lincoln High in Malakoff, Texas. **John D. Richardson**, was a 1958 graduate of Lincoln High Malakoff. He coached basketball and baseball under Coach Carl Anderson. **Homer Trimble** was a standout basketball player for Lincoln High in Malakoff, Texas. His team won the district in 1958 and 1959. **Jerry Richards** is a graduate of Timpson High School in Temple, Texas where he starred in basketball



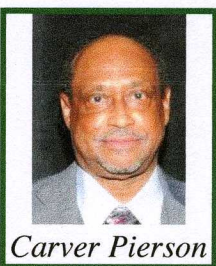
William Roseman



Pervis Roseman, Sr.



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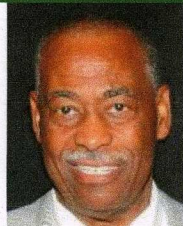


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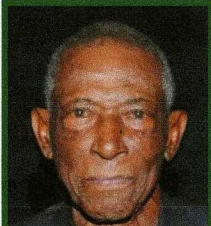
and track. **William Roseman** is a graduate of Rosenwald School in Mount Union, Texas. He was a member of the 1963 Class A State Basketball Team. **Pervis Roseman, Sr.** graduated from West Kirbyville High School in 1963. He was a member of the 1963 State Championship Basketball Team. **Archie Seals, Sr.** led Sealy to a State Football Championship and was an All-American running back at Prairie View. **Carver**



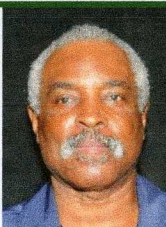
*Elester
Whitmore, Sr.*



Joseph Andrews

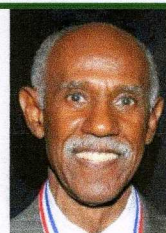


John Barber



Charles Young

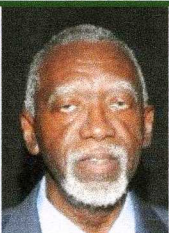
Pierson a graduate of Booker T. Washington of Conroe was a member of the 1960 State Championship. **Elester Whitmore, Sr.** was an outstanding basketball player at Waldo Matthew High School in Silsbee. **Joseph Andrews** in 1964, lettered in football, basketball and track at A.R. Turner High School. **John Barber** starred at Booker T. Washington, Houston, Texas in football, basketball, baseball and track. He attended Texas



*Leroy
Bookman, Jr. III*



*Sullie Eugene Cobbin
Family*

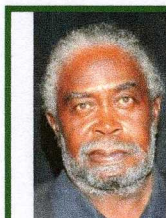


*Robert
Crawford*



*Eddie W.
Pinchback*

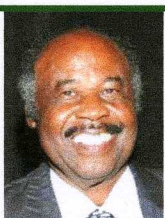
Southern and played with the likes of George Gray, Bennie Roy, Bennie Swain and Woody Saulsberry. **Charles Young** graduated from A. R. Turner High School, Willis, Texas in 1967 where he played football, basketball and baseball. **Leroy Bookman, Jr. III** was a standout football player at L.C. Anderson High School in Austin, Texas. In his three years he played wingback and was a punter. **Sullie Cobbin** was represented by his wife and son. He was a 1963 graduate of A.W. Jackson High School in Rosenberg, Texas. There he played football and



*Lester
Fowler, Jr.*

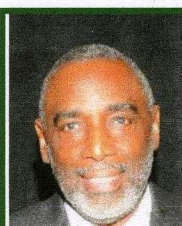


*Lacy
Garcia*



*Pastor Arthur
Haggerty*

basketball. **Robert Crawford**, Salutatorian of the 1966 graduating class of Booker T. Washington High School of Conroe, Texas was a running back on the State Champions. **Eddie Pinchback** is a 1962 graduate of Carver High School in Lockhart, Texas where he was the quarterback of the 1961 District Champions. He pitched a seven inning no hitter and a one hitter in the same week. **Lester Fowler, Jr.** graduated from A.R. Turner in Willis, Texas in 1960. He broke his coach's record of 28 touchdowns in a season with 31 touchdowns. He had three called back. His nickname was "The Bear". His running style was often compared to Jim Brown. **Lacy Garcia** attended Solomon



*Charles
Cone*

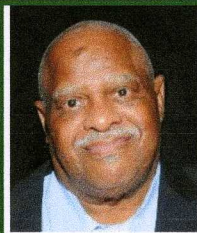


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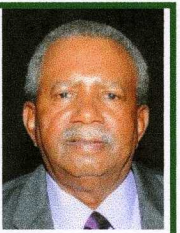


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Felder, Jr.*

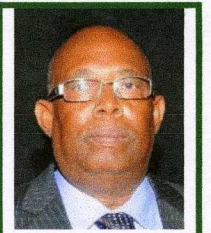
M. Cole High School in Corpus Christi, Texas where he was an outstanding offensive guard/defensive tackle and was selected All-District, All-State and All-City. Pastor **Arthur Haggerty** was a 1962 graduate of Baytown Carver High School where he was a member of the 1958 and 1961 PVIL Football State Championship Teams. **Charles Cone**, lettered in football, basketball and track at A. W. Jackson High School. He played wide receiver on the football team. **Larry Edwards** graduated from Kashmere Gardens High School, Houston, Texas. He was an



*Albert Charles
King*

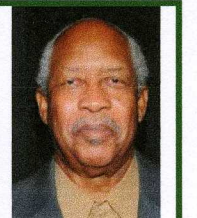


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Land, Sr.*

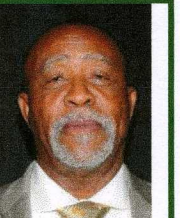


*Rubin E.
Phillips*

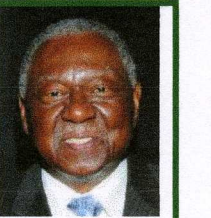
outstanding football player with the nickname of "Big Lou". They won the City and District Championships. **Lewis Felder, Jr.** graduated from A. R. Turner in Willis, Texas where he played both football and basketball. He was an All-District performer in both sports. **Albert King** was the starting guard on the 1961 PVIL State championship Football Team. He was also a member of Baytown Carver's marching band. **Walter Land, Sr.** graduated in the Class of 1960 from Waldo Matthews High School in Silbee, Texas. He excelled in baseball and football. **Rubin Phillips** is a product of the 1970 A. R. Turner High School Championship Team where he excelled in football and



*Ellis
Hubbard, Jr.*



*Malone
Woods, Jr.*



*Jesse
Yates*

basketball. **Ellis Hubbard, Jr.** was a member of the 1961 PVIL Football Champions, Booker T. Washington of Conroe. He was the quarterback on the football team and played shortstop on the baseball team. **Malone Woods, Jr.** graduated from J.H. Rowe High School where played football, basketball and ran track. **Jesse Yates** was the valedictorian of his 1959 Booker T. Washington graduating class. He was an offensive lineman on the football team and one of the best catchers to ever play on their baseball team. **WELCOME TO THE PVILCA.**

In Loving Memories

We offer our condolences and prayers to the families of the following members of the Prairie View Interscholastic League Coaches Association.

Sullie Cobbin

1944 -2012

Sullie Eugene (Gene) Cobbin, 67, of Richmond, Texas, former Business Representative for the International Association of Machinist and Aerospace Workers (IAM) transitioned from this life on Monday, June 18, 2012. Gene was a

graduate of A.W. Jackson High School in Rosenberg, Texas. He was a three sport athlete and received the "Best All-Around Athlete Award". In 1962 he led his football team to the Co-District Championship as a running back and Linebacker. That same year he led his basketball team to the semi-finals. As a sprinter and a member of the 440 yard relay team, he participated in several state track meets and became a three-year letterman in each sport.

Upon graduating from high school, Gene attended Texas Southern University and began employment with WKM Manufacturers in Missouri City, Texas as a machinist. A noted veteran and leader in the labor movement, he became a member of the International Association of Machinists and Aerospace Workers Local 1303. He later was elected thus employed as District Local 37 Busines Representative and president of Tideland Central Labor Council. He furthered his education at the International Association of Machinists Institute and served as an active district educational representative. He was elected as one of three machinists delegates to the National AFL-CIO. He was employed as an Organizer for the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees. He was the recipient of a certificate of Congressional Recognition from the Honorable Sheila Jackson. He is the owner of Cobbin Enterprises Unlimited.

Gene Cobbin is survived by his devoted wife, Dr. Jacqueline Cobbin, his two children, Joseph Adams (Kathy); Byron Cobbin (Sonya) and one stepson, Charles Horton (Toni). Also mourning his passing are his sister, Cora Jones, and brothers: Jimmie Cobbin, William Cobbin (Mittie), Emroy Jones, and Everett Cobbin (Arlene) along with his grandchildren, a host of relatives, church family members, and friends. Gene served as a faithful Communion Steward of Windsor Village United Methodist Church. He was elected posthumously into the PVILCA Honor of Fame Class 2012.

Felix L. Cook Jr.

1926 -2012

Felix L. Cook passed away Wednesday, August 8, 2012. He was preceded in death by his wife, Opal and son, Derwyn.

Prior to the eulogy, given by his son, Rev. Dwayne B. Cook, tributes to this great gentleman were paid by local, state and national politicians, community leaders and his college, Wiley.

Felix was a graduate of Phillis Wheatley High School, Houston, Texas in the Class of 1944, where he excelled in football and track. Most importantly, he was an outstanding student. After Wheatley, Felix attended Wiley College and was outstanding in football and track and was a member of the undefeated 1945 National Negro College football team. He received a Bachelor of Science degree from Wiley College and was awarded a Master's Degree in Higher Education from Texas Southern with advanced studies at the University of Houston. He was awarded an Honorary Doctor of Humanities Degree from Wiley College.

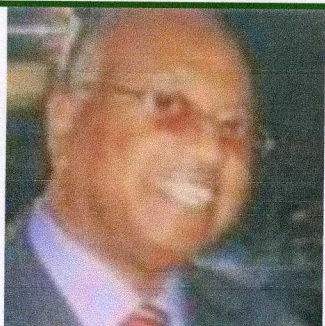
Felix was a coach and teacher of science and physical education in the Houston ISD for 36 years. He also served in various administrative positions and was the first African-American to be named principal of Sharps-town Senior High School, a predominantly white secondary school in H.I.S.D.

He served for 20 years as adjunct Professor of Higher Education at Texas Southern University and on numerous boards which included the Wiley Board of Trustees, Harris County Sports Convention Center Board (HCSCC) and Trinity Gardens Baptist Church, where he had a lifetime membership; He also was a founding member of the Houston Partnership, Harris County Hospital Board of Managers and the Advisory Board to the State Board of Education under former Governor of Texas, Mark White.

In 2006, an HISD school was named in his honor. The principal of the school, Laquetta Kennedy, spoke at the funeral and told how each year, on the first day of school, Felix Cook would come and walk the halls, greeting the faculty and students and wishing them great success in the upcoming school year.

He is survived by a devoted son, Rev. Dwayne B. Cook, daughter, Alecia Davis, sister Ethel B. Washington and a host of family and friends.

Felix Cook Jr. was inducted into the PVILCA Hall of Fame in 1988 and was life member.



Sullie Eugene Cobbin



Felix L. Cook, Jr.

2006

Jack Bellinger
Robert Brown
Ellis Davis, Jr.
Herman Gabriel
Arthur Gillum
Clyde Glosson
Charles Herbert

2007

Charles Brown
Jackie Carr
John Codwell, Jr.
Glennor Davis
Walter E. Day
Ronald Goodbeer
James "Bo" Humphery
Alvin N. Jackson
James C. Mayes, Sr.
Stanley R. Mays
King Arthur Prayther
Dr. Thurman Robins
Edward Roby
Ray Seals
William L. Sims
James Wanza
Gene Washington
Franklin D. Wesley, Jr.
Walter Yates, Sr.

2008

Weldon O. Baker
Oliver "Show" Brown
Coger H. Coverson
Jefferson Davis, Jr.
Joseph Melvin Dixon, Sr.
Willie Floyd
Charles Frazier
George Gray
Charles Green
Roland Hayes
L.L. Jackson
Don A. James
Freddie James
R. "Ralph" Johnson
Ed Jones
James Jones, II
Kirby Jones
Joe Leonard, Sr.
Vickie Minor
Michael Mitchell
Homer Norville
Marvin Pettway
Dr. Joseph A. Pierce, Jr.
Lewis Ritcherson
Lewis H. Ritcherson, II
Edward G. Robinson
Hensley Sapenter, Jr.
Dr. T. A. Sims

Current Life Members**2008 (continued)**

Brannen G. Temple
James A. (Froggie) White
James "Clint" Williams

2009

James Alexander
Roosevelt Alexander
Leon Carr
Kenneth Curl, Jr.
Donald "Mantan" Dickson
Thomas "Bill" Edwards
Albert Fair, Jr.
Leon "Big Hamp" Hamilton
Charles "Tex" Harrison
Dan Haskins
Eddie Hughes
Arnell Stripling Johnson
Ralph Jones
Chauncey King, Sr.
Freddie Maura
Ross E. Lewis
Ocell Miller, Jr.
Nicholas Overton
Luther C. Robinson
Dave Smith
Robert J. Tapscott
Albert "Big Al" Walker
Horace Young

2010

Joe Curtis Baker
Leroy Bookman, Jr.
Leroy Bookman, Sr.
Lorenzo Cole
C. H. Collins
Enoch Noble Dixon, Jr.
Cleve L. Freeman Jr.
Charles L. Fisher
Charles L. Garcia
Gentris Hornsby
Edwin Johnson
Johnnie Means
Charles O'Saw
Rodney D. Saveat
John Smith, Jr.
Waylan D. Wallace, Jr.

2011

S. A. Anderson
Dr. William C. Akins
Howard O'Neal Aldridge
Billy Earl Beasley
Jerry Lewis Blair
Tommy Bookman
Billy "Bill" Brown

2011 (continued)

James "Bo" Bundage
Timothy Carr, III
Lawrence A. Collins
Willie Frank Dearion
Robert L. Dickson, II
Charles "Doc" Dockery
Nathaniel A. Gillespie
Spencer Harris, III
John Hightower
Beverly Day Humphery
Dr. Jesse Henry Hurst, II
Oliver E. Jenkins
Henry Johnson
Coy K. Limbrick
Timothy C. Moon, Jr.
Rathers Alvin Norwood
J. M. Richard
Pervis Rosemon
William F. Rosemon
Joseph Warren Singleton
John A. Truitt, Jr.
Dr. Gregory J. Vincent
Joe D. Washington, Sr.
Delvin Williams
Nicholas "Nic" Williams
James R. Wilson

2012

Tommy L. Amerson
Willie Blackmon
Clinton Booker
Ben L. Cavil
Dr. J. Kenyatta Cavil
Sullie Eugene Cobbin
Felix L. Cook Jr.
Larry Edwards
Jimmie L. Emanuel
Arthur L. Haggerty
Goree "Coach" Johnson
James D. Kennedy
Lester L. King
Marcus Mosley
Tommy Pierson
John E. Payton
Johnny Tardy, Jr.
Jesse E. Yates

" You are the grease in the wheel."