

PVILCA *News*

Prairie View Interscholastic League Coaches Association

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Kudos To The Hall of Fame Class of 2014

This past July 19, 2014 marked the 35th observance of the Prairie View Interscholastic League Coaches Association Hall of Honor and Hall of Fame banquet.

Each year, the event seems to get bigger and better. The Hyatt Regency San Antonio - Riverwalk banquet hall was filled to the brim with friends, relatives, co-workers, neighbors, church members and associates who came to support and cheer for 2014 inductees as they were presented. On this one day, old rivals seemed to fade away. Houston Wheatley Wildcats cheered for Houston Yates, Beaumont Charlton Pollard cheered for



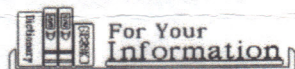
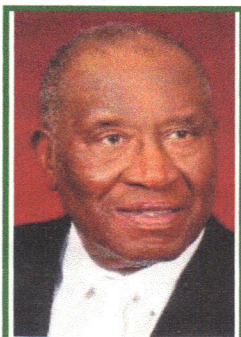
Beaumont Hebert folks. No more Hatfield vs McCoy feuding. No more North vs South or Cowboys vs Indians. That day we were one big happy family. The afternoon moved smoothly despite over 70 honorees. Acceptance speeches were kept in control by our usual enforcer, Leon Hamilton. The only exception came when one inductee pretended to be tone deaf, ignoring Leon's warning bell. Our enforcer started to look like Lionel Hampton playing the xylophone. We might have to resort to using a hook to pry some speakers from the microphone.

Kudos to Robert Brown and the Board of Directors for another rousing success.

Banquet News

This year, 11 men who played for Austin's L.C. Anderson High School were inducted into the Hall of Fame. This group included Carl Crenshaw, who attended LC Anderson back in 1947 and participated in football and track until 1951. He also had the opportunity to play for Samuel Huston College before it merged with Tillotson College. Huston-Tillotson College today is a historically black college. The late Joe Wade,

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On Friday, Sep. 5, Coach Charles Brown and his 1960 and 1965 undefeated (13-0 for both seasons!) state championship Booker T. Washington Bulldog football teams were honored during halftime of the Conroe HS game against Bryan at Buddy Moorhead Stadium. Brown and players from the two title teams were presented rings for their accomplishments.

Preceding the game, at a 6 p.m. reception in the Conroe HS cafeteria, Mayor Webb K. Melder read a proclamation designating Sep. 5 as "Booker T. Washington Bulldog Championship Day." The teams' success occurred during segregation and went unrecognized by the greater Conroe

community -- a highly segregated and racially charged area in the 60's -- for over 54 years, however, businesses, citizens, and the Conroe Independent School District are now honoring Brown and his players. Brown coached the Washington program from 1960 to 1965, with a record of 68-9. In addition to the two state championships, his teams made three other appearances in the title game. For his 36 years overall, Brown compiled a 203-101-1 record.

After coaching in Conroe, Brown received five rings along with numerous

**1960****1965**

other honors and awards for outstanding coaching beyond the PVIL football state champs. He won championships while working with fewer resources, building on raw talent, and inspiring young African American boys to believe that they could accomplish anything. Among Brown's many honors are: District 21 AAAA Coach of the Year (Baytown Sun), AA Coach of the Year in Houston, Texas High School Coaches Association Outstanding Achievement in Coaching with over 200 football victories, PVILCA Hall of Honor in 2006 and induction to the THSCA Hall of Honor in 1999. Ricky Warren – Washington grad, former pitcher for the Bulldogs, and PVILCA Hall of Fame member – initiated this united effort in Conroe to honor Brown and the championship teams. Additionally, Warren arranged a vacation getaway at a resort for Coach and Mrs. Brown leading up to the game.

Friday's ring ceremony at Moorhead Stadium (known as Tiger Stadium in the 60's) will reunite team members who will travel from California, Florida, Kansas, and all over the state of Texas. Washington is the second Conroe-area PVIL football team to be honored with rings. In 2011, A.R. Turner HS in Willis, 10 miles north of Conroe, was similarly honored for its 1967 state championship. **Member of the 1960 team were: C. D. Brandley, Willie Brown, Rueben Brown, Ben Cavil, Jr*, Layron Carey, George Edmond*, Robert Ferguson, James Flewellen, Billy R. Gipson, Charles Harris *, Jack Henry, Joe Henry, Leon Hicks, Ellis Hubbard*, Curtis Johnson, Leodia Jones* Will Jones, Gerald Lynn Lee, Thomas E. Lee, Jefferson F. Lewis*, J. D. Mitchell*, Frank Moaning*, Eugene Poole, Will Power, Charles Reed, Herbert Sadler, Roger Shields,**

Roosevelt Spearman, Leonard Steele, Billy R. Talford, Leon Tolbert, James Williams, * PVILCA Hall of Fame Member

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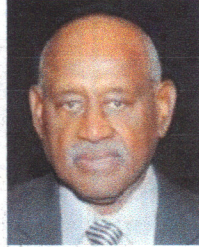
PVIL Coaches



James Fisher



Curtis Gipson



Louis Kelley

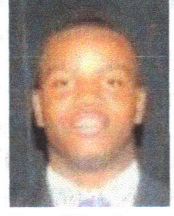


Sidney Sadler *

Academic Athlete of the Year



Derek Broussard



Chad Tatum

Meritorious Award



Alfred F. Fonteneau



Naomi Hargis*



Mike Jinks



Vernice Kindle



D. W. Rutledge



Johnny Walker

High School Athlete of the Year



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Jonathan Slade

Coaches of the Year 2013 -2014



Chris Bennett



David Green, Jr.



Beverly Day Humphrey



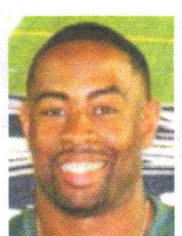
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Royce Johnson

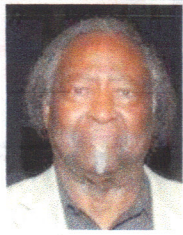


Curtis Mann



Leon Paul

PVIL-UIL Bridging the Gap



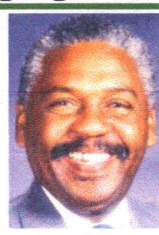
Ira "Bubba" Emphriam



Alfred B. Mayes Sr.



Derek Lagway



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Roger Whitaker



William C. Ward

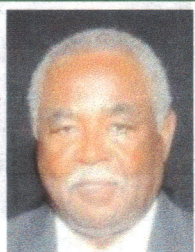


Clifford Young*

Baseball



Joseph Valley, Jr.

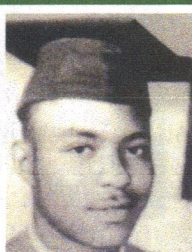


John H. Walker

Basketball



Emma Adams



Terry Vernon Cooper*



Freddie G. Forcey



Marshall Land Jr.



George C. Marshall

*Posthumously

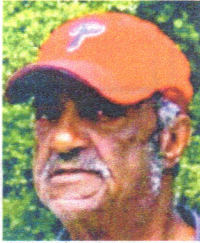
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The Members of the 1965 team were: Robert Crawford*, Delona Deary, William Denman*, Joe Felder, Raymond Ford, Jesse Frazer, Ted Gipson, Oscar Greenwood*, James "AC" Harris, Willie Hicks, Jesse Hollins, Loyd Lee Howard, Emory Jackson, Jimmy Johnson*, Carl Lee Levenston. Robert Lilly, Tommy Pierson, James "Jig" Powers, Larry Smith, Alfred "Tut" Talford, Marvin Taylor, Earl Thompson*, James Tolbert, Lewis Traylor, Weldon Traylor. Earnest Washington, Lewis Williams, Maurice Wright, Alford Yates, John "Red" York * *PVILCA Hall of Fame Member*.

Note from the editor: This is a recognition that was long overdue. Congratulations to Coach Brown and the members of the undefeated Booker T. Washington Bulldogs of 1960 and 1965.

Basketball

Mary Cooper
Peoples



Travis Alton
Wright*

Tennis

John
Wilkerson

Track

Clifford Branch

A Job Well Done!

If you have stories to tell that we all would like to hear, email them to me at donajames@aol.com

Track

Luella Reece
Frazier



David Arthur
Hall, Sr.*



Bennie Lee
Harris



James
Hunter, Jr.

Football

Herbert
Anders



George Raft
Arnold



Cecil D.
Boykins

Football

Andrew
Brown



Leroy
Brown



Vernon
Carathers



Carl
Crenshaw



Louis
Dotson Jr.



George
Edmond



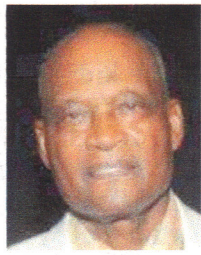
William "Rock"
Glosso*

*Posthumously

Football



Earnest
Guals



Johnny
Harper



Nate
Henderson



Roy Lee
Howard



Charles James



Marion O.
Johnson

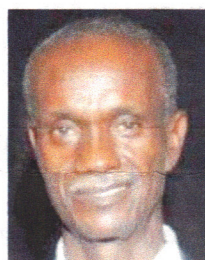


John Earl Lee

Football



Robert E.
McGee



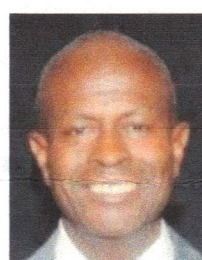
D. C. Nobles



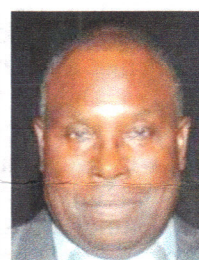
Larry Vernon
Priestley



Charles
Purnell, Jr.



Isaac Robinson



Robert
Sanders, Jr.



Larry
Surgers

Football



Lee
Thomas



Joe
Wade*



Joe
Washington, Jr.



Willie R. "Tunnie"
Williams*

Artifacts of the past



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who passed away in 1999, will be posthumously inducted, as he was part of a two-time state football championship team that went undefeated in 1957 and 1958. "Flying Joe Wade" was a four-year letterman and earned two All-State honors during the championship seasons.

While the PVILCA recognizes its past, it also has a connection with today's high school students by awarding the PVILCA Athlete of the Year awards to deserving youth. Dana Barnes, a PVILCA Board of Director member, said that these people are selected based on both athletic achievement and a grade-point average of 3.5 or higher. Starting next year, an essay will be required of applicants. "Our goal is to have the graduating students learn, understand and appreciate the efforts and sacrifices of the African American students, teachers, coaches and community that came before them," Barnes said. "People and communities that unfortunately do not exist today." By recognizing graduating high school students along with those individuals that played, coached and participated in the PVILCA, Barnes said, the PVILCA feels that the history and vision of the organization can and will flourish. "To quote Proverbs 29:18," she said. "Where there is no vision, the people perish."

"They Called Him Chubb!"



Sylvester
Armstrong

The PVILCA Family expresses its sincere condolences to the family of Sylvester Armstrong. Sylvester Armstrong (2005 PVILCA Hall of Fame inductee), affectionately called "Chubb" by friends and family transitioned from labour to reward on July 23, 2014. He was a God-fearing man and raised his family in the same manner by which he tried to live. Chubb was an excellent student, athlete,

husband, father and friend. He had a wonderful sense of humor, an infectious laugh, and humble spirit. He was never boastful, never met a stranger and treated everyone with love and dignity. One of Sylvester's catch phrases when he wished to reiterate his point was, "you don't hear me". Well Chubb, we hear you now, loud and clear and you will be sorely missed. He leaves to cherish his legacy, one living brother, Daniel E. Armstrong, three children, Ronnye Chalise, Roben Lynn, and Shelby Roy Armstrong. Seven grandchildren, Keisha, Kristen, Kennedey, Kolby, Kiara, Korey and Adyn, and a host of relatives and friends.

Booker T. Washington Celebration



Charles Brown and his wife, Carolyn

Anecdotes, warm smiles and handshakes — not to mention some tall tales — were in ample supply as Conroe High School paid tribute on Friday night to the members of the Booker T. Washington state championship football teams of the 1960s.

The pre-integration Bulldogs of 1960 and 1965 brought home Prairie View Interscholastic League state titles, and members of both squads were recognized at halftime of Conroe's game against Bryan at Buddy Moorhead Memorial Stadium. Conroe, which is celebrating its 100th season of football, also held a dinner for team members and their families in the high school cafeteria before the game. Charles Brown coached both Booker T. Washington teams to state championships before leaving for Aldine Carver in 1966. He later coached at Forest Brook High School and served as a recruiting

coach for Jackie Sherrill at Texas A&M in the late '80s. "The community was real strong at Booker T. Washington," Brown said. "We had great support from the school, the parents. The kids went to school and they went to school to learn." "We had to hustle our own resources sometimes. We didn't want to take used equipment. The booster club raised money for the right equipment." Leodia Jones was a junior end on the 1960 Washington squad that won the PVIL state championship with a 16-6 victory over Midland. The Bulldogs finished the season 13-0. "We were little compared to football today," Jones said. "I weighed about 145 pounds. "We ran the single wing." James Mitchell, a lineman on that 1960 state title team, recalled that players seldom left the field, playing both offense and defense. "I was an iron man," he said. "Of course, I'm a tin man now." Raymond Ford, an end and linebacker on the 1965 Washington state championship squad, recalled that the Bulldogs lost to Sherman in the '64 championship game before returning the favor the following season.

Washington defeated Sherman 33-12 for the state championship that year, accumulating 381 yards rushing, according to Charles Kerr's account of the game in The Courier. One member of the '65 Bulldogs brought a framed picture of Kerr's story on the championship game. "Coach Brown always told us to let (the opponent) know right away that we weren't going anywhere," Ford said. "He'd tell us, 'It's not how big the dog is but the amount of fight the dog's got in him.'" The Bulldogs played the state championship game in 1960 at Tiger Stadium, the predecessor to Moorhead Stadium, and won the '65 title in Sherman.

Conroe principal Mark Weatherly helped pass out state championship rings to the Washington players at halftime. "More than anything, we wanted to recognize the state championship teams as part of the 100-year celebration," Weatherly said. "Washington is a middle school now, but it's a big part of Conroe ISD schools." Brown also was the baseball coach at Washington High School, winning one state championship in that sport, as well as a math teacher. "We lost nine games in six years," Brown said. "Four of those were in the playoffs. We didn't have many problems with discipline. I've seen a lot of these guys over the years, and it's great to stay in touch."

Mitchell said Ellis Hubbard, a quarterback and safety on the 1960 championship team, actually scored a touchdown against Midland after sustaining a concussion. Hubbard said, "Ain't nobody remembering it that way but you."

*** Editor's Note: Maybe it was the concussion.**

**"If The Lord is Willing
and The Creek Don't Rise"
We'll Meet Again in
2015!**

PVILCA Host 1st Annual Golf Tournament

Story and photos by: Edward Jones
Universal City, Texas

There are times when history is lost, not by purpose, but by the unknown. To counter this notion, the members of the Prairie View Interscholastic League Coaches Association (PVILCA) hosted their first annual golf tournament at the Olympia Hills Golf and Conference Center, Aug. 18.

The tournament's function was to not only raise funds for their scholarship program, but to bring awareness to the history of the organization. With over sixteen teams, the event's showing proved that the organization and its mission is being well supported. When asked about the event, Chairperson Dana Glosson stated, "We are pleased

with our turnout today. It is amazing to witness the support and the fact that our participants are here to support our mission despite last night's weather." Even the cloudy skies couldn't dampen the spirit of the

participants and guests as they arrived. From the time the first person arrived at 6:30 a.m., until the event's conclusion, a good time was had by all.

According to the PVILCA website, the organization was founded in 1920 under the name the Texas Inter-scholastic League of Colored Schools (TILCS) created by the University Interscholastic League (UIL). The name was changed to the Prairie View Interscholastic League in 1964,



The Participants check in

"The Ring"



George E. Adams
T. J. Bell
Charles Brown
Leroy Bookman, Jr. III
Leroy "Lumberjack" Brown
Robert Brown
James R. Bundage
Jackie Carr
Reginald C. Christopher
Rev. Jimmie Cobbin
Vernon Carathers
Elgin G. Davis
Robert L. Dickson, II
Charles "Doc" Dockery
Jimmie L. Emanuel
Cleve Freeman, Jr.
Oscar W. Fresch, Jr.
Nathaniel A. Gillespie
Ronald "Buck" Goodbeer
Oscar G. Greenwood Sr.
Leon "Big Hamp" Hamilton
Spencer Harris III
Ellis Hubbard
Freddie James

Oliver E. Jenkins
Henry Johnson
Robert Houston Land
Jeff Lewis Jr.
Coy Limbrick, Sr.
David Q. Marks
Lucious Newhouse, Jr.
Monroe Nichols, Jr.
Ruben E. Phillips
John "J.D." Richardson
Dr. Thurman Robins
Anthony Sampson
Gene L. Sampson Jr.
Robert B. Sanders, Jr.
Joseph Warren Singleton
Robert "Blue" Smith
Johnny Tardy Jr.
Lee E. Thomas
Thomas "Tom" Valley
Franklin D. Wesley Jr.
James "Froggie" White.
Jesse E. Yates
Horace Young

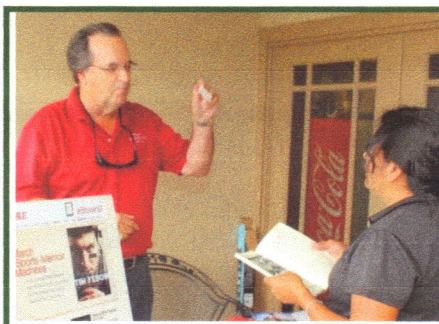
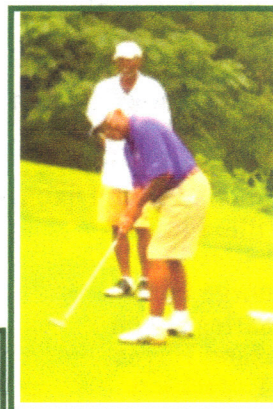


Chairman Brown addresses participants

and finally the Prairie View Interscholastic League Coaches Association in 1991. When summarizing the organization's primary mission, Robert Brown, Chairman of the Board offered, "The PVILCA has set out to ensure that African-American coaching and sports heroes do not lose their place in history." Brown added that this tournament's purpose was to raise funds for the organization's annual scholarship program, and that there have been three (3) recipients from the San Antonio area in the last four (4) years. Each team received a goody bag from the organization and various sponsors, along with a great lunch prepared by the course Kitchen staff. In attendance were board members,



The ladies played also.



**"It was a Great
Weekend.
One to
be
remembered."**

volunteers, and Dick "Lefty" O'Neal. O'Neal was the first caucasian allowed to play in the Negro Baseball League, and was there to support the organization with a portion of the proceeds from his book, chronicling his time with the league, going towards the scholarship fund. PVILCA proudly displayed trophies, newspaper clippings, and clothing worn by some of the greatest athletes to come from Texas Schools and Universities. If you would like information on the Prairie View Interscholastic League Coaches Association or their contact information, please visit their website at: <http://www.pvilca.org>

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. Mays, 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
 Cogger 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
 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

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

2011 continued

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
 Brady Beauregard
 Willie Blackmon
 Clinton Booker
 Albert L. Breed
 Ben L. Cavil
 Dr. J. Kenyatta Cavil
 John Luther Clayton
 Sullie Eugene Cobbin
 Charles Ray Cone
 Felix L. Cook, Jr.
 Larry Edwards
 Jimmie L. Emanuel
 Arthur L. Haggerty
 Goree "Coach" Johnson
 James D. Kennedy
 Lester L. King
 Leroy Marshall
 Lewis M. Marshall
 Marcus Mosley
 John E. Payton
 Tommy Pierson
 William A. Stell
 Johnny Tardy, Jr.
 Clarence W. Weatherspoon
 Jesse E. Yates

2013

George E. Adams
 Alton Earl Bennett
 Donald L. Bennett
 Cecil D. Boykin
 Anthony Dwight Brown
 Vernon Carather
 Reginald C. Christopher
 Jimmie Cobbin
 Robert L. "Bob" Crawford
 Elgin Davis
 Louis Dotson Jr.
 Rev. Iria Ephriam

2013 continued

Charles Ferguson
 Oscar Willie Fresch, Jr.
 Jimmy C. Gales
 David Arthur Hall, Sr.
 Charles "Hands" Harris
 Arthur Ray Henderson
 Nathaniel "Nate" Henderson
 Warnie Hill, Jr.
 Melvin Houston
 Donald R. Johnson
 Sandra E. Jones
 Vernice Denman Kindle
 Robert Houston Land
 Louis Dotson Jr.
 Monroe Nichols, Jr.
 Griggs Owens, Jr.
 Rev. Ruben E. Phillips
 Verna Reece Powers
 John D. Richardson
 Julius Shanklin
 Robert "Blue" Smith
 William A. Stell
 Joseph Summerfield
 George Richard Thomas
 Frederick "Ricky" Warren
 Clifton Williams
 Malone Woods, Jr.
 Harry Wright
 Travis Alton Wright

2014

Raymond Allen Jr.
 Herbert C. Anders
 A. G. Booker
 Dr. Johnny E. Brown
 Leroy Brown, Jr.
 Louis C. Carr Sr.
 Terry Vernon Cooper
 George Daniels Jr.
 William Denman
 Morris W. Freeman
 Bennie Lee Harris
 Charles James
 Marion "Blue" Johnson
 Marshall Land Jr.
 Jackie Lathan
 Bertha E. Means
 Lucious Leon Newhouse Jr.
 D. C. Nobles
 Beatrice L. Pace
 Mary Lena Cooper People
 John L. F. Powers
 JoAnn Bean Rawls
 Sidney L. Sadler
 Lee E. Thomas
 John H. Walker
 Thomas "Tom" Valley
 Johnny Walker
 Tanuya T. Worthly