

PVILCA^{News}

Prairie View Interscholastic League Coaches Association

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PVILCA 2015 Banquet



On Saturday, July 18, 2015 at the Houston Galleria Hotel, the Prairie View Interscholastic League Coaches Association celebrated one of its greatest moments. Some 1,200 guests were in attendance to witness this great homecoming. That's the way it is when coaches and their players get together. They tell stories on top of stories, and many of them were true because you see the smiles and expressions on their faces. Maybe a few embellishments were thrown in (kind of like the fish that seems to grow once you catch it and it's in the freezer.



Robert Brown

Let us not forget that this all started with only twenty five coaches in



Life Members "The grease that turns the wheel."

attendance. You'll have to agree that we've come a long way. All of the hard work can be attributed to the PVILCA Board members and its chairman Robert Brown. Many times we complain about things we have no control over. Who would have thought that there would be a parking problem. Coaches know that when you are confronted with something that you did not expect or have no control over, you have to adjust and go to plans B or C.

What a response. Wives, kids and grandkids discovered that the old stories told over the years by former athletes and coaches were really true.

As you can see from the number of honorees this year, it was crucial that acceptance speeches be limited in length. Most of the honorees complied. Leon Hamilton was there as our usual timekeeper, but rarely had to be an enforcer. In fact, we had a couple of speakers who used

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New Position Announced

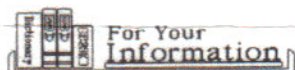
Just a note to let you know I have accepted the position as director of Prairie View's Texas Institute for the Preservation of History and Culture, at the school's Texas Black History Center. I'll start next week.



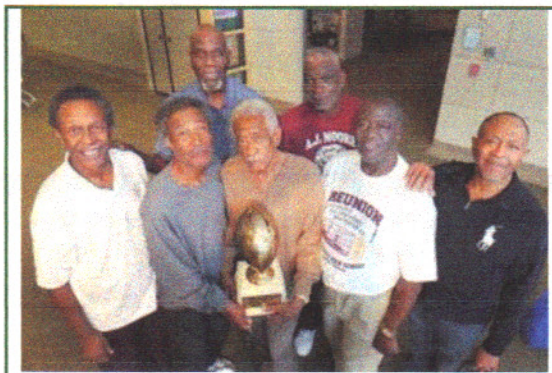
Michael Hurd

I'm very excited about the job, which fits perfectly into the research and writing I'm doing (including the PVIL), and working to establish the center as the premier location for researching, documenting, and displaying black history in Texas. More details later

Please accept our sincere congratulations and appreciation for what you've done for PVILCA.

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50-YEAR ANNIVERSARY FOR A. J. MOORE PVIL 1964 FOOTBALL CHAMPIONS



Front row left to right: Anthony Fulbright, Clyde Foster,
Frederick Dooley, Elroy Cross, Willie McDonald,
Back row left to right James Jones, Joe Smith



"We did it!"

During the summer of 1964, the landmark civil rights act was passed that outlawed discrimination based on race, color or national origin. It would be seven more years before Waco schools integrated. Change was in the air, but the African American football players at A.J. Moore High School were focused on the task that stood in front of them that summer. Every player on that team believed they could win the Prairie View Interscholastic League Class 4A state championship. Then they went out and did it with a 16-14 win over Houston Yates. No Waco public school has won a football state championship since that fall 50 years ago. "It was an exciting moment, a feeling that you never forget," said defensive back Clyde Foster. "It was like winning the Super Bowl. I don't think there will ever be another coach like Coach Ritcherson and the love he had for that team."

L.H. Ritcherson was already legendary long before the summer of 1964. After returning to coach his alma mater, he led Moore to a state championship in 1952 and co-championships in 1951 and 1960. Players knew he demanded a lot from them on and off the field, and they didn't test his authority. "We didn't need no-pass, no-play," said linebacker Anthony Fulbright. "Everybody knew that if you didn't pass, you didn't play. He was a disciplinarian coach and you either did it his way or didn't play. It didn't go any further than that." Knowing the difficulty of Ritcherson's practices, the players prepared for them by organizing unofficial workouts throughout the summer without the supervision of the coaches. They also lifted weights in an era when it wasn't widely part of the regimen of high school football programs. "We practiced every week of the summer, playing flag football," Fulbright said. "We'd go over to the YMCA and lift weights. We had a couple of guys lifting 500 or 600 pounds. When Coach Ritcherson called us together for fall practice we were already in shape."

That didn't keep Ritcherson from working his players tirelessly in the Texas summer heat. Now 88 years old and living in Madison, Wis., Ritcherson believed that if he pushed his players to the brink during the summer they'd be able to handle anything when the games were played in the fall. "When I first got to Moore, I had so many other schools writing me for games," said Ritcherson who compiled a 132-58-3 record from 1950-65. "Everybody wanted to play us because it was a sure win for them. I instilled in those young men that if they wanted to be good in life, they had to be good in what they attempted to do. They had to work hard to be successful." Practices were so rough that the players couldn't wait to get into games.

Instilled toughness

"Coach Ritcherson was an absolute disciplinarian," said receiver James Jones. "Back in our day, coaches were very physical with us. But we had the best conditioned team I ever played on. We always knew we were one of the toughest teams regardless of size." The 1964 Lions featured a veteran defense that

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2015 PVILCA Hall of Honnor and Hall of Fame Banquet

Coaches Adward

Meritorious Adward



Johnny Allen, Sr. *



J. B. Haggerty



Richard Samuel Lewis, Sr.



Phyllis Earles



Raymond Bourgeois



Paul J. Matthews



Marmion Dambrino



Coach of the Year

Football

Student Athlete of the Year



Lloyd Banks III



Kendrick Crumedy



Ferrin Douglas



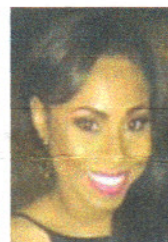
Anthony Morgan



Warren Wells



Raylin Davis



Christin Green



Diamond Jayne Jackson

PVIL-UIL "Bridging the Gap"



Andre Boutte, Sr.



Ronnie Courtney



Nathaniel Gillespie



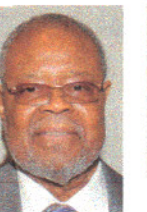
Daryl Glenn



Dennis Haskin



Dalton Hughes, Jr.



Milton Morgan



Lee "Tony" Nephew



Joseph Richard



Meledy Smith Price



Raymond Whitley, Jr.



Jerry Williams

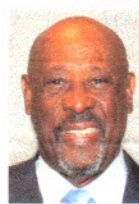


Tanuya T. Worthy

Baseball



Joe Clyde Adams



Frederick Ferguson



Dr. Robert Lockhart, Jr.



David O'Neal

Basketball



Raymond Allen, Jr.



Freddie Anderson



A. G. Booker, Jr.*



Dr. Johnny Brown



Martha Darden



Dwight Davis



Onoray Davis



Charlie Roy Harris



Jackie Lathan

Basketball



Earnestine
Caldwell - Luke



Beatrice L.
Pace



Joan Bean
Thomas Rawls



Robert
Simpson, Jr.



Bennie
Sherman



Robert
Simpson, Jr.



Joseph
Young

Tennis



Micaelle
Moseley



Tommy Ray
Scott



Herman
Alexander



Beth
Williams
Anderson



Mildred
Dismuke-
Carpenter

Track



Lynn Ray
Ellison



Odis
Lewis



Robert
Malone, Sr.*



Bobbie
Hawkins
Stephens

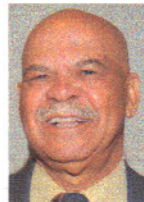
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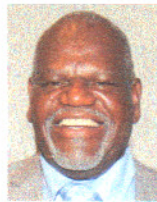
Cheryl
Anderson
Shannon



Cornelius
Shoaf



Kenneth C.
Simon



Raymond
Baylor



Donald
Beaty



Robert
Bennett



Ed
Cooper, Jr.



Mose C.
Davis



Robert
Deary



George
Dixon



Norbert
Donato, Sr.*



Karl
Douglas



Herman
Driver, Jr.*



Charles E.
Ferguson



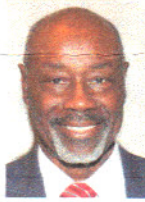
Dewey
Fowler, Sr.



Reul Edward
Hampton, Sr.



Clarence
Jackson



Fred
Lewis



Jerry
LeVias



Rev. Kenneth
Lyon



Ben
Marshall



Elahi Bradley-
Muhammad, Jr.



David
Newsome



Rhone
Nixon



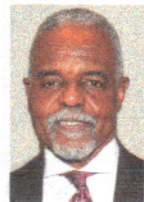
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Pointer, Jr.



Alfred
Talford



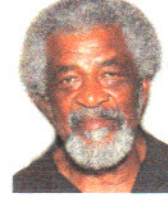
Billy Roy
Talford



Leo
Taylor, Jr.



Earnest
Thomas



John
Thompson



Robert
Thompson



Leon
Tolbert, Jr.*



Charles
Warner



They Wear The Ring!



Earnestine Caldwell-Luke family

E.E. Worthing Senior High School Family



Left to right: Karl Douglas, Dwight Davis,
Raymond Baylor and Clifford Branch

Area Co-ordinators



Chales "Poppa Charlie" Brooks, Galveston
Clarence Caldwell, Texas City



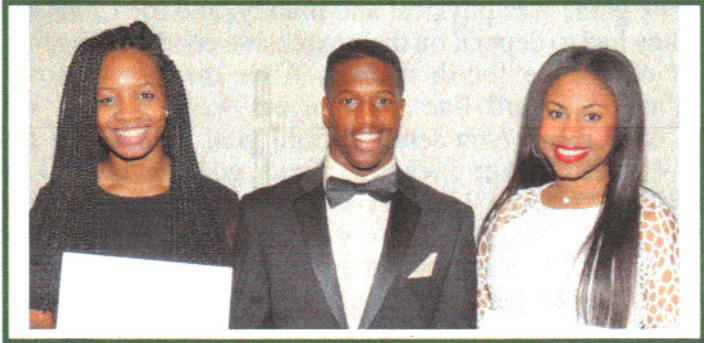
Jerry Ball, Darrell Colbert ,Coach Milton Morgan
Melvin White and Mickey Washington



**Johnny N. Allen*
Family**



**Richard Lewis, Sr.*
Family**



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included talented players like Fulbright, tackles Stanley Morgan and Malcolm Wooten, end Charles Gilbert, linebacker Don Foreman and defensive backs Frederick Dooley, Johnny Ferrell and Foster. While many teams used run-based attacks, the Lions ran a pro-style offense that featured quarterback Lewis Ritcherson's passing and running abilities. Ritcherson's football knowledge was considerably beyond his years since he grew up studying game film with his father. "I remember watching film even before I started playing varsity football," Ritcherson said. "I knew a lot of stuff and the plays, so it was an advantage." Ritcherson had a lot of fast and athletic players surrounding him like receiver James Jones, tight end Arthur Ganius and running backs Larry Walker and George Danford. The offensive line was led by all-state player James Gregory, who was huge for that era at 225 pounds. "We went to the pro-style offense and we passed and ran equally," Lewis Ritcherson said. "We had good receivers who were tall and backs who could catch the ball. We had some unusually big linemen for that day. They wouldn't be considered big now, but they were big then." After playing solid football throughout non-district play, the Lions won its district with a 4-1 record. Moore delivered one of its best performances of the season in bi-district by rolling past Tyler Emmett Scott, 46-8, to advance to the state championship game against Houston Yates. The state championship was in Yates' backyard at Jeppesen Stadium in Houston, and the Lions were wide-eyed as they rolled into the city. "We got to Houston and it was such a gigantic city, and we were from little old Waco," Jones said. "To go into a stadium of that magnitude was kind of intimidating. But we felt we were equal to anybody in the state. We knew no one was better conditioned or cohesive as we were." Yates scored the first touchdown but the Lions struck back in the second quarter with Ferrell's 54-yard punt return for a touchdown. After Yates took a 14-7 half-time lead, Ritcherson scored on a 1-yard run in the third quarter. But the Lions missed the extra point as Yates went into the fourth quarter with a 14-13 lead. Yates had an explosive offense, but the Lions surprised them by switching from a 6-2 to a 4-4 defensive alignment.

Designed confusion

"Coach Maurice Dawson was the architect of our defense and we kept them confused the entire game," Fulbright said. "It was one of the worst games our offense played all year and best the defense played." The game was physical and muddy, and the Lions knew they had to depend on their extensive conditioning to pull it out in the fourth quarter. After the Lions drove to Yates' 15-yard line, the players were stunned when Coach Ritcherson sent the field goal unit on the field. "We had never kicked a field goal before," Lewis Ritcherson said. "When he sent that in, I was looking at him like, 'Are you kidding?' Everybody was stunned a little bit." Jones booted the ball high and it fell over the crossbar to give the Lions a 16-14 lead. "We had a square-toed shoe for kicking that was a size 10," Jones

said. "I wore a size 11. I didn't have the opportunity to put on the square-toed shoe. When I kicked it and the ball went over, I heard a roar." Yates still had a chance to win the game, but Dooley intercepted a pass to finish it off. "Time was running out and they threw to Clyde (Foster's) side of the field," Dooley said. "I shot over there and jumped with my basketball skills and caught the ball. There were about three minutes remaining and our offense ran out the clock."

As the final seconds ticked off the clock, Lewis Ritcherson remembers how elated he felt. While his dad had experienced state titles before, this was his first and only one as a player. "When the clock was running down, I remember looking over and seeing the coaches jumping up in the air," Ritcherson said. "State championships don't come every year. It was a special time and a special feeling." After the season, the Lions got a treat when Cleveland Browns All-Pro running back Jim Brown spoke to them at the Waco Chamber of Commerce banquet. "I was in awe," said offensive lineman Elroy Cross. "Back then you didn't get opportunities to meet pro athletes. He was down to earth but eloquent. He said football isn't going to last forever and there are better things out there. He said he faced a lot of adversity but he didn't quit." Many of the Lions from that 1964 team played college football. L.H. Ritcherson became an assistant coach at Wisconsin in 1966 and Lewis Ritcherson joined him there as a player. Though Ritcherson left coaching in 1971, he'll never forget the feeling of winning that last state championship at Moore High School. "We weren't afraid to play anybody," Ritcherson said. "I still keep in touch with the players on that team. It's one of the most cherished memories I've had in my whole life."

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one or two words : "Thanks" and "Thank you" before leaving the stage. Those speakers were wildly applauded, especially by the out-of-towners who had to travel home following the banquet. To date, more than 300 individuals have been inducted into the PVILCA Hall of Fame/ Hall of Honor. In 2011, another category, "Bridging the Gap" was included to recognize those who started as Prairie View Interscholastic League participants but, following integration, competed as participants in the UIL.

As demonstrated by the 2015 overflow attendees, PVILCA has been successful in its endeavor to recognize outstanding achievement by coaches, players and their contributions to our proud history.

**IT'S TIME TO
BECOME A LIFE
MEMBER**

George E. Adams
Raymond Baylor
T. J. Bell
Leroy Bookman, Jr. III
Clifford "Cliff" Branch
Charles Brown
Leroy "Lumberjack" Brown
Robert Brown
James R. Bundage
Vernon Carathers
Jackie Carr
Reginald C. Christopher
Rev. Jimmie Cobbin
Ronnie Courtney
Dwight Davis
Elgin G. Davis
Robert L. Dickson, II
Charles "Doc" Dockery

"The Ring"



Karl Douglas
Jimmie L. Emanuel
Cleve Freeman, Jr.
Oscar W. Fresch, Jr.
Nathaniel A. Gillespie
Ronald "Buck" Goodbeer
Oscar G. Greenwood Sr.
Leon "Big Hamp" Hamilton
Johnny E. Harper
Spencer Harris III
Ellis Hubbard
Dalton L. Hughes, Jr.
Freddie James
Oliver E. Jenkins
Deloris Marie Johnson
Henry Johnson
Marshall Land, Jr.
John Earl Lee
Fred Lewis
Ruel Hampton
Robert Houston Land
Jeff Lewis Jr.
Coy Limbrick, Sr.
David Q. Marks
Elahi Bradley Muhammad, Jr.
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.
Sammie Taylor
Lee E. Thomas
Joseph C. Valley, Jr.
Thomas "Tom" Valley
Franklin D. Wesley Jr.
James "Froggie" White.
Jesse E. Yates
Horace Young

Current Life Members

"You are the grease in the wheel."

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
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

2008 continued

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

2009 continued

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
Beverly Day Humphery
Dr. Jesse Henry Hurst, II
Oliver E. Jenkins
Henry Johnson

2011 continued

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
Desmond Henerson
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

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 Anthony Dwight Brown
 Vernon Carather
 Reginald C. Christopher
 Jimmie Cobbin
 Robert L. "Bob" Crawford
 Elgin Davis
 Louis Dotson Jr.
 Rev. Iria Ephriam
 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
 Freddie James Anderson
 A. G. Booker
 Carolyn Sadberry Brown
 Dr. Johnny E. Brown
 Leroy Brown, Jr.
 Louis C. Carr Sr.
 Terry Vernon Cooper
 George Daniels Jr.
 William Denman
 Frederick "Peanut" Ferguson
 Morris W. Freeman
 Bennie Lee Harris

2014 continued

Charles James
 Marion "Blue" Johnson
 Marshall Land Jr.
 Jackie Lathan
 Bertha E. Means
 Milton "Milt" Morgan
 Elahi Bradley-Muhammad
 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
 Thomas "Tom" Valley
 John H. Walker
 Johnny Walker
 Roger Whitaker
 Tanuya T. Worthy
2015
 Clifford Branch
 Lynn Ray Ellison
 Dewey Fowler, Sr.
 Ruel E. Hampton, Sr.
 Raymon Lacy
 Fred Lewis
 Bryon Keith Johnson
 Deloris Marie Johnson
 Raymond Lacy
 Martha Snell Lathon
 Jeff Lewis
 Paul Matthews
 Willie McFarland
 Elahi Bradley-Muhammad, Jr.
 Sammie Taylor



Joseph Summerfield

Baptist Church serving on the Usher Board and Black Leaders of America in Church and Community. He is survived by his wife, Bettye Sutton Summerfield, two children, Byron and Rhonda and two grandchildren.

In Loving Memory

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

Mel Farr 1945 -2015



Mel Farr

Farr graduated from Hebert High School (Beaumont, TX) in 1963, where he lettered in football, basketball, baseball, and track. He was named All-State in football and track and All-District in basketball. Farr played football for the UCLA

Bruins, where he was a halfback. He was the number seven overall selection in the first-round in the 1967 NFL draft by Detroit. In 1967, Farr joined the Detroit Lions, and won the year's NFL Rookie of the Year award. He spent his entire career from 1967 through 1973 with the Lions, and earned trips to the Pro Bowl in 1967 and 1970.

Farr and his teammate Lem Barney also sang background vocals on the 1971 Marvin Gaye song "What's Going On". After his retirement from pro football, Farr entered the business world, and in 1975 opened the Mel Farr Ford automobile dealership in Oak Park, Michigan. By 1998, the Mel Farr Auto Group grossed \$596.6 million, making it the top black business in the United States and the thirty-third largest auto dealership in the US.

Joseph Summerfield

Joseph Summerfield graduated from W.H. Burnett High School in Terrell, Texas. There he played football, coached by Allison Smart and ran track, coached by Richard Lewis. After receiving a B.S. degree in biology from Prairie View A&M University, he went to work for General Motors in Dallas where he spent 30 years and rose to a supervisory position.

He was a member of Friendship West