

LISD to present fourth class for athletic Hall of Honor

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Eight individuals and two teams make up the fourth class of the Lubbock ISD athletic Hall of Honor scheduled for induction today.

The ceremonies will take place at the Overton Hotel and Conference center across from the Texas Tech campus. The event in the Sunset Ballroom begins with dinner at 6:15 p.m., followed by recognition of the new inductees at 7 p.m.

Two state champion basketball teams — the Lubbock High boys from 1951 and the Dunbar boys from 1957 — will become the sixth and seventh teams enshrined in the Hall of Honor.

Also among the headliners is Pete Ragus, the Lubbock ISD athletic director from 1964-88, under whose watch the school system increased from eight sports to 20 and the budget from \$250,000 to more than \$1 million. LISD teams won 17 state championships during his tenure.

Monterey's honorees are basketball coach Joe Michalka (1967-83) and football coach James Odom (1964-85).

Coronado's inductees are Kevin Curtis (1995-98) and Mike Smith (1997-2000), two former football standouts who went on to play at Texas Tech and in the NFL. Both are now on the Red Raiders' coaching staff.

The Hall of Honor class' Estacado representatives are girls track and field coach Caylene Caddell (1980-2011) and James Collins, a state-champion long jumper in 1982 who went on to be a two-time track and field all-American at Texas A&M-Kingsville.

Also going in is the late Prenis Williams, who played on Dunbar's 1953 state-champion basketball team and coached football and track at Dunbar from 1958-69. He led the track team to three state championships.

Persons interested in attending today's ceremony who have not purchased a ticket in advance may call Hall of Honor board chairman David Thetford at (806) 777-0677.

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