

# LISD teams, players, coaches inducted into Hall of Honor

**Hall of Honor Class of 2014 was recognized and honored for their accomplishments**

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The Lubbock Independent School District Hall of Honor Class of 2014 was recognized and honored for their accomplishments Saturday as Lubbock athletes, teams and coaches.

The event, held at the Overton Hotel, attracted a large crowd, who were all there to show their support for the inductees.

Bezel Bailey was honored with his fellow teammates as a part of the 1957 Dunbar High School state championship boys' basketball team.

For Bailey, the event was not only an opportunity to recognize the team's accomplishment but also to catch up with former friends and teammates. "It was nice, I hadn't seen some of them for 50 years or so," he said.

Along with the Dunbar team, former Estacado track coach Caylene Caddell and Matadors athlete James Collins, Coronado football star Kevin Curtis, Monterey basketball coach Joe Michalka, Monterey football coach James Odom, Lubbock ISD athletic director Pete Ragus, Coronado football star Mike Smith, Dunbar athlete and coach Prentis Williams and the 1951 Lubbock High boys basketball team were all inducted into the LISD Hall of Honor.

Bailey said even though not all members of the team were available for the event, he felt they were represented in a good manner.

"We had a group that wasn't only a team but it was people who represent the team," he said, "so it felt like the whole team was there."

Although the event ended early, attendees stuck around to catch up with former coaches and teammates. The hotel hallways remained busy and full for almost an hour as they slowly left the ceremony.

Curtis, a Lubbock native, said it was nice to be recognized by the same town that supported and helped him over the years.

"It was great, it's a tremendous feeling to be thought of as one of the best," Curtis said.

Curtis played football for Coronado before advancing to Texas Tech and then spending some time on various teams in the NFL.

He said he never would have imagined receiving an award for doing what he loved to do.

“You never think about it, you’re just playing,” Curtis said, “so looking back on your career and getting a chance to get this award is a great feeling.”

Smith, a former Baltimore Raven, also attended Coronado and Texas Tech. Smith played in the NFL for a short period due to injuries, but would continue his career at the professional level as a coach. Smith said he was honored to be presented with the award because he had a lot of people who influenced him during his times in Lubbock and made him who he is today.

“It’s a special moment for me because I am from Lubbock,” Smith said, “I love Lubbock and this is where I fell in love with sports.”