

# LISD reveals 2016 Hall of Honor class

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A year after inducting three teams and five individuals into the 2015 Hall of Honor class, LISD revealed this year's class Thursday.

Ten inductees — seven athletes, one coach and two championship teams — will be inducted at a June ceremony. This year's class is the sixth in the history of the Hall of Honor, which began in 2011.

## LISD'S 2016 HALL OF HONOR CLASS

### ' **Dick Lowrey**



Lowrey played on the 1951 and 1952 Lubbock High football state title teams and at the University of Texas. After college, Lowrey spent 34 years as both a coach and a math teacher in the Lubbock area.

### ' **Kenneth Wallace**

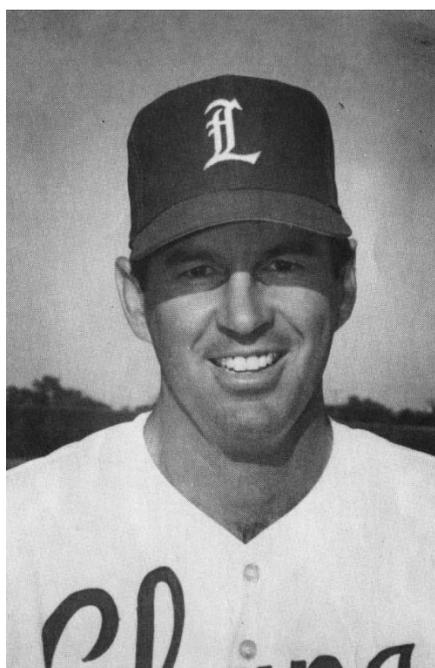


Wallace — the first black football player to graduate from Texas Tech — was a dominant quarterback at Estacado and played for the Red Raiders as a defensive back, appearing in the 1972 Sun Bowl and the 1972 Gator Bowl.

Wallace presently works as the Deputy Superintendent for Educational Support and School Administration for Galena Park ISD.

He coached at Dunbar and Coronado — earning coach of the year awards three times.

' **Jimmie Shankle**



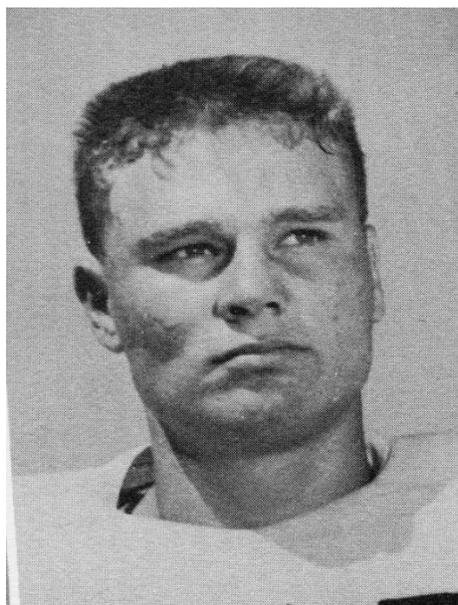
Former Monterey baseball Jimmie SHankle was drafted by the Boston Red Sox in 1974 and played professionally for four seasons.

While at Monterey, he won a state title in 1972 was both an all-state seletiton and the Texas High School Player of the Year after carrying a 30-game hitting streak.

Shankle coached under Kal Segrist at Texas Tech and at Lubbock Christian under Larry Hays.

He also had coaching stops at Abilene Christian and the University of Texas-San Antonio.

' **Jimmy Gafford**



Gafford was an all-state football player at Lubbock High, winning the 1951 and 1952 state titles.

He attended and played football at San Angelo College, Oklahoma, Midwestern State and East Texas State.

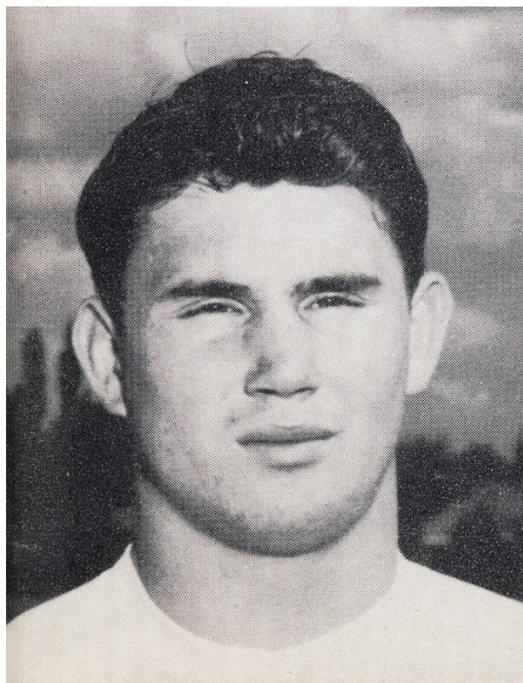
' **Jimmy Welch**



During Lubbock High's 1952 football state championship season, Welch ran for 1,101 yards and 18 touchdowns. The Parade All-American was also named to the Texas All-State Choir from 1952-54.

Welch played football at the University of Texas and played in the 1958 Sugar Bowl on coach Darrell Royal's first Texas team.

' **James Sides**



A member of Lubbock High's 1951 state championship football team, Sides rushed for 1,143 yards and 23 touchdowns that season. In the Westerners' 14-12 win over Baytown at the Cotton Bowl, Sides scored on 63 and 37-yard runs in the state title game. Sides then played at Texas Tech and was a three-time All-Border Conference fullback.

Sides was drafted by the Philadelphia Eagles and played professionally in Canada. He was inducted into the Texas Tech Athletic Hall of Fame in 2012.

**' 1960 Dunbar High School state championship team**



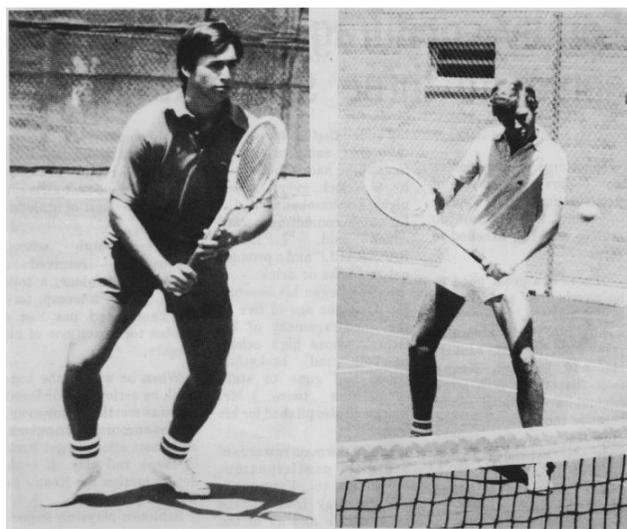
The Panthers finished 1960 with a 31-2 record and their third state championship.

Dunbar opened the season 15-0 before dropping one game to Odessa Blackshear. Dunbar entered the playoffs after outscoring opponents 79-48.1.

In the state tournament, Dunbar beat Edwards High School and Houston Elmore to win the 2A Prairie View Interscholastic League title.

William Malone was named to the All-Tournament team and the Panthers shot 45.7 percent on the season.

**' 1975 Coronado 4A state champion boys' doubles teams**

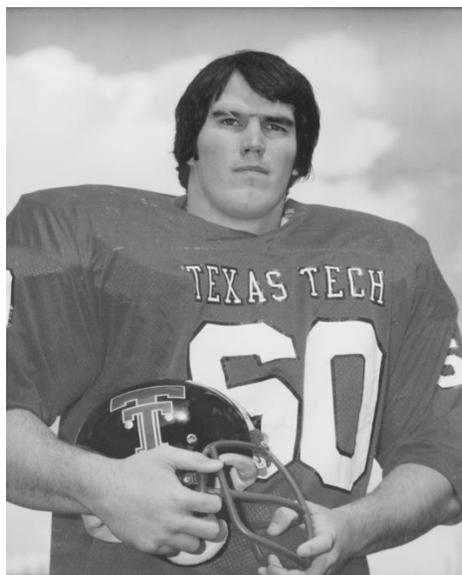


Doug Davis and Charles Key won the first boys state tennis title for Lubbock ISD and the first state title for Coronado in any sport.

Davis and Key were 17-0 in their title-winning season. Davis is ranked No. 3 in singles win at Coronado (100) and Key is No. 4 in doubles wins (119).

Davis finished his high school career with a 196-28 record and Key finished 167-42 combined.

#### ' **Dan Irons**



Irons was a decorated football and basketball player for Monterey, finishing all-district in both. He earned a scholarship to Texas Tech for football and switched to the offensive line after playing tight end at Monterey.

The 6-foot-7, 260-pound Irons was a first team All-American. Irons was drafted by the San Francisco 49ers, but knee problems prevented him from playing. He is a member of the Texas Tech Athletic Hall of Fame and the Southwest Conference Hall of Fame.

#### ' **Jimmie Keeling**



In 56 years as a football coach, Keeling spent time at Hardin Simmons University, Estacado, Elgin, Andrews, Lamar Consolidated, San Angelo Central and John Tyler.

Keeling was Estacado's coach from 1967-69 and led the team to the 1968 3A state title — the first Texas high school to win a state title in its first year of varsity competition.

He is a former Director and President of the Texas High School Coaches Association and finished his high school coaching career with a 196-91-11 record.

As a college coach, he finished 172-53. In 20 seasons at Hardin Simmons, Keeling's teams were in the national playoffs (NAIA or NCAA Division III) 11 times.