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## Athletics Hall of Fame



January 24, 2013

Doubletree Hotel at Warren Place

Reception 6:00 pm

Banquet 7:00 pm

## First Annual Hall of Fame

Introductions	Mr. Gil Cloud, Director of Secondary Schools Athletics
Presentation of Colors	Memorial High School JROTC
Invocation	Madeline Manning Mims, Hall of Fame Committee Member
Opening Remarks	Dr. Keith Ballard, Superintendent of Schools
Banquet	Provided by the Doubletree Hotel
Master of Ceremonies	Mr. Chris Lincoln, KTUL TV Sports
Induction Ceremony	Mr. Chris Lincoln
Closing Remarks	Mr. Gil Cloud



## **The History of the Tulsa Public Schools Athletics Hall of Fame**

The idea had been discussed for years but nothing had been put in place to make this event a reality. Upon being hired in May of 2012, Gil Cloud, Director of Secondary Schools Athletics and Activities launched the program. By August the committee was formed and approved by the Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Keith Ballard.

During the following months several meetings were held at the Dr. Charles Mason Education Service Center by the Hall of Fame Committee. The difficult task of selecting a first class became very evident early on. Robert Sprague, Athletics Director at Memorial High School made a motion to include one person from each of the existing High Schools in the first induction class. The motion passed. The committee also included the induction of six well deserving posthumous candidates in the first class.

After weeks of research and tracing relatives and individuals down the first ever Tulsa Public Schools Athletics Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony was scheduled for January 24, 2013 at the Doubletree Hotel at Warren Place.

Now we are here and you are a part of this history making event for Tulsa Public Schools and the Department of Athletics. The committee wants to welcome you and hope that this evening brings back memories and experiences that have made the Tulsa Schools graduates the leaders in their chosen fields.

### **Hall of fame Selection Committee**

Madeline Manning Mims, Community Representative  
Chris Lincoln, Media Representative  
Robert Sprague Athletics Director. Memorial High School  
Mike Mims, Assistant Principal, Booker T, Washington  
David Rader, Alumni Representative  
JV Haney, Former Coach and Athletics Director  
Terrell Lester, Journalist  
Mick Wilson, Assistant District Athletics Director  
Gil Cloud, District Director of Athletics

## **Our first inductee into the Tulsa Public Schools Athletics Hall of Fame is:**

**William Graham “Bill” Allen  
Central High School-Student Athlete  
Webster High School-Coach, Administrator**

After earning six varsity letters in basketball and track under Coach Grady Skillern and serving as senior class president, William Graham Allen graduated from Central in 1943 and joined the Navy.

Eventually, he obtained a bachelor's degree in business from the University of Colorado and launched his career in education as a basketball coach and teacher at Daniel Webster High School in 1950.

In 25 seasons as head coach at Webster, Allen's teams won 364 games, including a state championship in 1966. He was selected by his peers to coach in the 1964 Oklahoma All-State game and the 1966 Faith 7 Bowl.

Allen served as the first president of the Oklahoma Basketball Coaches Association and was a member of the inaugural class of the OBCA Hall of Fame in 2002. He also is a member of the National High School Coaches Association Hall of Fame, the Oklahoma Coaches Association Hall of Fame and the Central High School Hall of Fame.

During his 34 years at Webster, Allen was Director of Athletics for 24 years and Assistant Principal for nine years. Following his retirement, Webster High School in 1985 named its field house in honor of Bill Allen.

Let's welcome Coach Bill Allen into the Hall of Fame.  
Accepting for the family will be Edie Allen, Bill's daughter.

**Edward J. "Ed" Lacy**  
**Booker T. Washington High School-Student Athlete**  
**and Coach**  
**Tulsa Public Schools-District Director of Athletics**

Edward J. Lacy coached several sports during his 17 years at Booker T. Washington High School, but it was football for which he is best remembered.

He participated in baseball, basketball, football and track at Washington, graduating in 1939. He received degrees from North Carolina A&T College and Columbia University before returning to his alma mater in 1957.

In nine seasons as head football coach at Washington, Lacy led the Hornets to five state championships: 1967, 1968, 1969, 1971, 1973. He retired with a nine-year record in football of 78-11-3.

While at Washington during his 17-year tenure, Lacy also started the school's wrestling program in 1962 and the tennis program in 1963.

Lacy assumed the title of Director of Athletics for Tulsa Public Schools in 1974 and held the position through 1991.

He was inducted into the Oklahoma Coaches Association Hall of Fame in 1980 and the Tulsa Historical Society's Tulsa Hall of Fame in 1995.

A city park at Madison Avenue and Virgin Street was named in honor of Ed Lacy in 1992. The Rotary Club of North Tulsa presents an annual scholarship in his honor.

Join with us as we welcome Ed Lacy into the Hall of Fame. Accepting for the family will be his wife Freddie Lacy.

**Spencer Tillman**  
**Thomas A. Edison High School-Student Athlete**

During his playing days, Spencer Tillman let his talents do the talking. After his playing days, Spencer Tillman has let his talking serve as the talent.

Tillman rushed for more than 5,000 yards during an All-State football career at Thomas Edison High School.

Graduating in 1982, he continued running for the University of Oklahoma. He ran for a freshman school record of 1,047 yards in 1983 and was selected the Big Eight Conference's Offensive Newcomer of the Year.

All-American honors followed and he was elected captain of the 1985 national championship team. He was the Most Valuable Offensive Player in the 1987 Orange Bowl.

Those same talents carried him to the National Football League where he played eight seasons (1987-1994) with Houston and San Francisco. With the 49ers, he was co-captain of the Super Bowl XXIV champions.

While he was playing, Tillman began to cash in on his journalism and communications degrees from the University of Oklahoma. He began his broadcasting career in Houston, and joined CBS Sports in 1999 as lead studio analyst for College Football Today.

Tillman, who lives in Sugar Land, Texas, is the author of "Scoring in the Red Zone: How to Lead Successfully When the Pressure Is On."

**Luther Pegues**  
**McLain High School-Coach, Athletics Director**  
**Booker T. Washington High School Student athlete**

Luther Pegues left his mark on two schools. He was a basketball, football and baseball standout at Booker T. Washington before graduating in 1960.

He returned to Tulsa a quarter-century later to coach the boys and girls basketball teams at McLain.

In between, Pegues played basketball at a hall of fame level at Eastern Oklahoma A&M College and University of Central Oklahoma.

Pegues, an All-State basketballer at Booker T. his senior year, helped lead UCO reach the NAIA national tournament in 1964. He served as an assistant coach at UCO from 1969 to 1976.

During his 30 years at McLain, he coached the girls program for six years the boys for 13 years. He also held the position of director of athletics.

He coached three boys' teams and one girls' team to state runner-up finishes.

Pegues is a member of the Booker T. Washington Hall of Fame, the UCO Hall of Fame, the Eastern A&M Hall of Fame and the Oklahoma Coaches Association Hall of Fame.

And now he is a member of the Tulsa Public Schools Athletics Hall of Fame.



**Dr. Charles C. Mason**  
**District Superintendent**

Presiding over Tulsa Public Schools for 25 years, from 1944 through 1969, Dr. Charles Clifford Mason held the position of Superintendent longer than anyone in the district's history.

The Tulsa Public Schools Charles C. Mason Education Service Center, 3027 S. New Haven Ave., bears his name. So, too, did Charles C. Mason High School, 6350 S. Utica Ave., which operated from 1974 through its closing in 1979.

A native of Jonesburg, Mo., Mason resigned as publisher of his hometown newspaper to begin teaching. At age 20, he was named superintendent of the Jonesburg district.

An advertisement from a teacher employment agency led him to Tulsa in 1928. He began teaching at Central High School and eventually became an elementary principal and assistant superintendent.

As Superintendent of Tulsa Public Schools, Mason saw the district grow to 80,000 students, and he oversaw the opening of 63 schools. He saw bicycle racks give way to parking lots. Dr. Mason also saw the value of a strong school athletics program as a vital ingredient in the total education of the student body.

Dr. Mason earned a bachelor's degree from Central Wesleyan College in Warrington, Mo., a master's degree from Washington University in St. Louis and a doctorate from the University of Northern Colorado.

He served on the Oklahoma State Board of Education for 12 years and the State Vocational Education Board for 12 years.

He was inducted into the Oklahoma Educators Hall of Fame in 1986.

Let's welcome Dr. Charles C Mason into the Hall of Fame. Accepting for the family is Dr. Mason's granddaughter Sue Clay a teacher in the Tulsa Public Schools.

**Grady B. Skillern**  
**Central High School-Coach**  
**Tulsa Public Schools-District Director of Athletics**

Grady Skillern coached Central High School to four basketball state championships in the 1930s, but his name resonates today for the sport of football.

After leaving the coaching bench, the Atoka, OK., native moved into the position of Director of Athletics for Tulsa Public Schools. It was in that role that Skillern founded the All-City football preview in 1943.

The round-robin format became so popular and so enduring that in 1991 it was renamed the Grady Skillern All-City Football Spectacular.

As a basketball coach at El Reno, Oklahoma City Classen and Central in Tulsa, Skillern compiled a record of 529-134. He was inducted into the Oklahoma Coaches Association Hall of Fame in 1968 and the Oklahoma Basketball Coaches Association Hall of Fame in 2003.

Skillern also carved out a Hall of Fame career as a football official. For 25 years, he officiated games in the Big Eight and Southwest conferences and was inducted into the Oklahoma Officials Association Hall of Fame in 1991.

A biography of his life, "Unforgettable Grady," was written by Victoria Lee and published in 1995.

Grady B. Skillern is truly a Hall of Famer. Accepting for the Family is Sandra Donahue Coach Skillern's daughter.

**Rodney W. Kilgore**  
**Daniel Webster High School-Student Athlete**

At Daniel Webster High School, Rodney W. Kilgore was a triple threat on the field of competition. He lettered three years each in football, baseball and wrestling, compiling a litany of records and accomplishments.

And along the way, he maintained a grade point average of 4.0 and graduated in 1972, ranked fourth in his class.

In 1970, Kilgore was a member of Webster's state championship baseball team.

In football, he was an All-Stater, an Oil Bowl selection and an All-American.

In 1970-71-72, he captured individual gold in wrestling, winning state championships at 148 pounds and 157 pounds. His high school record of 76-2 included 54 consecutive wins.

With his broad success, Kilgore accepted a baseball scholarship to attend the University of Oklahoma. After trying baseball and football during his first year at OU, he shifted his focus to wrestling. It was a fortuitous move.

Kilgore became a four-time All-American, winning two Big Eight Conference titles and two NCAA championships at 158 and 167 weight classes.

He rolled up a record of 120-17-2, becoming the first OU wrestler to win more than 100 matches.

He made the Dean's Honor Roll eight semesters and graduated in 1977 with a bachelor's degree in Civil Engineering.

Kilgore makes his home in Tulsa.

## **James Randall “Randy” Hughes Memorial High School-Student Athlete**

Even before graduating from Memorial High School in 1971, James Randall Hughes was known as a defensive specialist. He excelled in football and basketball. Especially on the defensive units in each sport.

Wrapping up his three-year football starting career in 1970, Hughes was hailed as the Tulsa World’s All-State Player of the Year – the first defensive back to win the award. It was not to be his last award.

He was a high school All-American defensive back and took those honors to the University of Oklahoma. There, he was a multiple award-winner between 1971 and 1975.

Hughes earned back-to-back All-Big Eight Conference and All-American salutes (1973 and 1974) at safety while captaining the 1974 national championship Sooners. He was a member of the University of Oklahoma All-Century team as a safety.

At the same time, he was a two-time academic all-conference selection and an academic All-American in 1974 and served as the team captain.

After graduating with a degree in finance, Hughes was drafted in 1975 by the Dallas Cowboys. During his six years with the Cowboys, he played in three Super Bowls (1976, 1978, 1979).

Hughes now makes his home in Dallas.

## **Wayman Lawrence Tisdale Booker T. Washington High School-Student Athlete**

The name Wayman Lawrence Tisdale has become synonymous with basketball greatness – in Tulsa, in Oklahoma, in the United States.

Wayman graduated from Booker T. Washington in 1982 after being singled out as the Oklahoma high school basketball Player of the Year. Over the next three years, at the University of Oklahoma, he was named Big Eight Conference Player of the Year three times.

Tisdale became the first basketball player in collegiate history to be named first-team All-American by The Associated Press in his freshman, sophomore and junior seasons. Each year, the NCAA’s outstanding freshman basketball player receives the Wayman Tisdale Award.

As a 6-foot-9 forward, Tisdale won a gold medal as a member of the 1984 U.S. Olympic basketball team and the Indiana Pacers made him the second overall pick in the 1985 NBA Draft. He played for three teams during his 12-year NBA career.

In 1997, Tisdale became the first player in any sport to have his jersey number (23) retired by the University of Oklahoma.

Launching a music career in 1995 as a bass player, Tisdale recorded eight albums, with the 2001 release “Face to Face” climbing to No. 1 on Billboard’s contemporary jazz chart.

Let’s welcome this outstanding student athlete and musician into the Hall of Fame. Accepting for the family will be Regina Tisdale.

**Seymour E. Williams**  
**Booker T. Washington High School-Coach**

At a school known for decades of athletics success, Seymour E. Williams has been hailed as “the greatest Booker. T. Washington Hornet coach ever.”

Considering his record in all sports, that would not seem to have a hollow ring. For over 30 years, Williams and Washington dominated high school football and basketball – locally and nationally.

From 1921 through 1951, in the days before integration, Williams compiled a football record of 290-23-11. That number included 16 state championships and victories from Dallas, TX to Gary, IN., and beyond. In 60 out-of-state trips, Washington lost just eight games.

Williams was coaching basketball at the same time, and rang up 13 state championships, including five in a row. As in football, Williams took his basketball teams across the country in search of quality competition. Five times he returned home with national championships.

Along the way, Williams was credited with winning six national high school track championships.

Born in Burlingame, Kan., in 1891, Williams received his bachelor’s degree from the University of Kansas and his master’s degree from the University of Iowa.

In 1968, he was inducted into the Oklahoma Coaches Association Hall of Fame. The football stadium at Washington High School carries his name.

Tonight he goes into the Tulsa Public Schools Athletics hall of Fame. Accepting for the family is Dr. Adolph Williams his nephew.

**Gary Howard**  
**Central High School-Student Athlete**  
**Collegiate Coach**

Few individuals have breathed the rarefied air of success that has sustained Gary Howard.

He was a starter in three sports – football, baseball, basketball – at Central High School. In his senior year, 1960, he helped Central win a state championship in baseball.

At the University of Arkansas, he was a two-year, two-way starter in the line on teams that won a Southwest Conference championship and went to back-to-back Sugar Bowls.

He then launched a career in coaching that spanned 38 years. In 1964, he was a graduate assistant on the undefeated Arkansas team that won a national championship. Three years later, he was defensive coordinator for Northeastern Oklahoma A&M’s national junior college championship team.

His 25-year run as head coach at the University of Central Oklahoma was punctuated by the 1982 NAIA national championship, and he was recognized as the NAIA national coach of the year.

He rolled up 162 victories at UCO, most in school history and most among state collegiate coaches.

Howard, a member of the UCO Hall of Fame, was honored as coach of the UCO all-century team in 2005.

Still teaching at UCO, Howard has been on the Edmond campus for 45 years.

**Reuben Charles Gant**  
**Booker T. Washington High School- Student Athlete**

Reuben Charles Gant was a three-sport standout at Booker T. Washington and a two-sport letterman at Oklahoma State University. Ultimately, he made a living at one sport.

Before graduating from Washington in 1970, Gant starred in track, basketball and football, earning three letters in each. He made the 1969 Parade Magazine All-American team in football after helping the Hornets win three consecutive state championships.

He narrowed the field to football (three years) and basketball (two years) at OSU, and was named to the 1973 Football Coaches Association All-American team as a tight end.

Gant was an NFL first-round draft selection by the Buffalo Bills in 1974. It was the only team for which he played during his nine years as a professional. In 1978, he was named the Bills' Offensive MVP.

He retired following the 1980 season and returned to Tulsa. With a bachelor's degree from Southern Nazarene University, Gant became president of the Greenwood Chamber of Commerce in 1998.

**Brent Blackman**  
**Nathan Hale High School-Student Athlete**

Brent Blackman was a blue-ribbon quarterback for three years at Nathan Hale High School, graduating in 1970. He earned All-State honors, was named to the Oil Bowl and accepted a scholarship to play at Oklahoma State University.

In the 1969 state playoffs, Blackman and Hale took on Booker T. Washington at Skelly Stadium, a game that attracted a then-record crowd in excess of 39,000. In a game that matched the Nos. 1 and 2 teams in the state, Washington prevailed, 34-14.

In the 1970 Oil Bowl, Blackman quarterbacked the Oklahoma team, throwing four touchdown passes in a 38-28 loss to Texas.

At Oklahoma State, Blackman was a three-year starter under three coaches – Floyd Gass, Dave Smith and Jim Stanley. Blackman finished his career with 1,571 passing yards and 12 touchdowns along with 1,870 rushing yards and 16 touchdowns.

In 1973, Blackman was named the Big Eight Conference second team quarterback and he was tabbed the ABC Chevrolet Offensive Player of the Game following OSU's 38-6 win over Arkansas on national television.

He graduated from Oklahoma State University with a degree in General Administration and lives in Tulsa.

**Tony Steven Casillas**  
**East Central High School-Student Athlete**

Tony Steven Casillas graduated from East Central High School in 1981 and before the decade was over, he was being heralded as a two-time consensus football All-American at the University of Oklahoma, the top defensive lineman in the nation and a first-round draft selection by the Atlanta Falcons of the National Football League.

Earning All-State recognition in high school was just a prelude to the national acclaim he would receive as a collegiate and professional player.

At OU, he won two Lombardi Awards, given annually to the nation's top lineman, and was the defensive anchor on the 1985 national championship team. He was accorded Academic All-American honors the same year as he worked toward a bachelor's degree in public relations.

Playing for four NFL teams in 12 years, Casillas was a member of two Super Bowl champions in Dallas, 1993 and 1994.

In 2004, Casillas was inducted into the College Football Hall of Fame. The National Football Foundation selected him as the College Defensive Player of the Decade for the 1980s.

In 2008, he was inducted into the Oklahoma Sports Hall of Fame. Casillas earned a spot on the Tulsa World's all-decade high school football for the '80s.

Today, Casillas lives in Flower Mound, Texas.



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**Donald Gene Chandler**  
**Will Rogers High School-Student Athlete**

For Donald Gene Chandler, football paved the way to celebrity and acclaim.

Although he was born in Council Bluffs, Iowa, he soon became a well-known Oklahoman, graduating from Will Rogers High School in 1952 as a celebrated and versatile football player.

At Bacone College, he played on a national junior college championship team, while also participating in baseball, basketball and track.

His next stop was the University of Florida, where he started as a halfback and led the nation in punting in 1955. Upon graduation from Florida in 1956, Chandler was drafted by the New York Giants and was a member of their World Championship team that season.

In nine years with the Giants, Chandler led the NFL in punting in 1957, in field goal percentage in 1962 and in scoring in 1963.

He joined the Green Bay Packers in 1965 and was an immediate success. The Packers won the World Championship in 1965, and then added wins in Super Bowl I and Super Bowl II. He retired after the second Super Bowl.

Chandler still holds the Packers record for most consecutive games scoring (42) and holds the record for most field goals in a Super Bowl (four).

He is a member of the University of Florida Hall of Fame, the New York Giants Wall of Fame and the Green Bay Packers Hall of Fame.

In 1963 and 1964, Chandler became one of the original Marlboro Men, appearing in national commercials for Phillip Morris Co.

Accepting for Don Chandler is his son Brett Chandler, CEO of Rib Crib.