

DENHAM SPRINGS HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME

Class of 2024-2025

DR. HUNTER BOND (SUPPORTER)

Hunter Bond was a three-sport letterman in football, baseball, and track who flashed on the gridiron stealing ten career interceptions as a defensive back, with six as a senior and three in a single game. Despite that sterling performance in 1984, his star has shone even brighter as a lifelong Yellow Jacket supporter whose fidelity has been evident through an unwavering advocacy for DSHS sports in three decades of devotion. His financial and moral support have been consistent and instrumental in helping sustain his beloved alma mater. As a DSHS honor graduate, he went on to graduate Magna Cum Laude from SLU and Pennsylvania College of Optometry, never forgetting where that academic foundation was formed. As a former Jacket athlete, he used those skills as a student at SLU when his intramural flag football team won two sanctioned national championships, played in the New Orleans Superdome, and he was named a collegiate flag football All-American (1990).

JOSH LEWIS (ATHLETE)

Among several renowned kickers in school history, Josh Lewis is the most celebrated for his record breaking 57-yard field goal, longest in DSHS football annals. He is also the only Jacket kicker to have broken the 50-yard barrier with two scores beyond midfield. As a senior, he made 20 of 21 PATs and 7 of 15 field goals, although five of those misses were from 50 yards or more, one from 62 yards. He kicked a game-winning 47-yarder as time expired and scored 100 career points, rare for a kicker. Lewis was a three-time All District choice, won All Parish and Baton Rouge All Metro laurels (2008), and was selected as a Red Stick Bowl All Star. He earned a football scholarship to McNeese State, nabbing LSWA All-Louisiana honors and named the All Southland Conference kicker in 2010. He holds the Cowboys record for the longest game-winning field goal of 52 yards versus SLU (2010).

MICHAEL O'NEAL **(SUPPORTER)**

Mike O'Neal was a 1986 graduate of DSHS and a two-year football letterman. Big Mike, as he is affectionately known, and his iconic restaurant, Big Mike's Sports Bar and Grill, are inextricably linked to Jacket sports since he supports his beloved alma mater in such a variety of ways that few fans can rival. His restaurant gives space and public access to the DSHS Athletic Hall of Fame and generously hosts and provides complimentary food for monthly DSAA meetings. But, more so, Mike himself has become an institution, civic leader, and role model whose generosity and compassion set the standard. His quiet, behind-the-scenes philanthropy to athletic projects and upgrades, plus frequent food donations, often crosses into teacher and student patronage as well. During the Great Flood of 2016 when his flooded business was showcased on national television's Bar Rescue, Mike's fighting spirit was an inspiration and beacon of hope to a beleaguered community.

MAC SCEROLER **(ATHLETE)**

A heralded two-sport star in baseball and football at DSHS, Mac Sceroler's talent on the pitcher's mound took him on a storybook journey beginning with Collegiate Baseball Freshman All-American honors at SLU to seven years in professional baseball, making his major league debut with the Baltimore Orioles in 2021. He was All District and All Parish once in football and twice in baseball, and Academic All State in both. Sceroler led the Jackets to two district titles in baseball, earned Baton Rouge All Metro laurels, and played in the prestigious LHSAA All Star baseball game. At SLU, he was twice named to All Louisiana, All Southland Conference, and Academic All Southland Conference teams. He pitched in two NCAA tournaments, scored 22 career wins, and was a rare two-time MLB draftee, ultimately in the fifth round by the Cincinnati Reds. Post-baseball, Sceroler returned to a proud hometown where his #10 Yellow Jacket jersey was retired in 2024.

RANDY WATSON **(ATHLETE)**

Randy Watson was a celebrated Class 2A All State defensive end in football who, at only 165 pounds, was the smallest lineman selected among the state's best in 1969 for what was arguably the most challenging defensive position. His tenure at DSHS was about as star-studded and well-rounded as might be possible. Within the community, he was named the city's Outstanding Teenager by the Optimist Club. On the athletic field, he led Jacket gridders to an undefeated regular season and the district title, while selected All Parish and the All District team's Outstanding Lineman. He was a member of the mile relay foursome in track that set the district record. As a campus leader, Watson was honored by the student body as Mr. DSHS, senior class president, and Most Dependable student. He also served as president of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes, Letterman's Club, and Interorganizational Council. He was class president and class favorite three of four years.