

**DENHAM SPRINGS HIGH SCHOOL
ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME**

CLASS OF 2018

**MAURICE COCKERHAM DURBIN
(ATHLETE)**

A four-year letterman in softball and basketball, Maurice Cockerham was a Class A All State basketball star in 1960. Her hustling, tenacious defensive play, coupled with All State Celeste Gully's prolific scoring, made the Lady Jackets perennial District Champions and playoff contenders. Cockerham was named to a number of all tourney teams including the prestigious Livingston Parish Tournament. As a spirited first baseman, she helped her team to a state runner-up finish in softball. A well rounded campus leader, Cockerham was a two-time DSHS Best Defensive Player in basketball, and was twice selected Class Favorite and Most Beautiful by her classmates. After graduation from LSU, she enjoyed a 25-year career as a political lobbyist at the parish, state, and federal levels. She and husband Jimmy Durbin served the City of Denham Springs as Mayor and First Lady for 12 years.

**JIM SPRING
(ATHLETE & SUPPORTER)**

The last of three brothers who were rugged athletes at DSHS, Jim Spring was a two-time All District and All Parish football center and linebacker (1961, 1962), and All Regional (1962) when this all star category existed between All District and All State. A student of the game who called defensive signals, he was selected DSHS Best Lineman, Team Captain, and MVP, and was the first in school history to earn a four-year football scholarship to an SEC university. He was an Eagle Scout, senior class VP, and competed in the State Literary Rally. A three-year letterman at Tulane, as a sophomore he was the smallest starting center in the SEC at 190 pounds. Spring was a 30-year active duty Army officer, retiring as a full colonel with 10 years in southeast Asia, the middle east, and Europe. He and Butch Wax were the architects of the DSHS Athletic Hall of Fame, now a community treasure.

JIMMY TULLOS

(ATHLETE)

Jimmy Tullos was a versatile three-sport letterman and a stalwart of the gridiron, earning Class AA All State honors as a defensive safety his senior year (1968). He was a two-time All District and All Parish choice at safety (1967, 1968). Tullos was a rare, instinctive ball hawk who was a magnet for the football, intercepting 9 passes as a junior and 7 as a senior, a stunning performance believed to be a school record. His senior season he stole 7 passes in 7 games, including 3 in one game. A fierce tackler, Tullos was selected DSHS Best Defensive Back twice. He was also a three-year basketball letterman under coach Alton Leggette, reaching the state semi-finals as a junior. While serving in the U.S. Army in Berlin, he helped set a world record for Marathon Basketball playing 5-on-5, full court for 48 non-stop hours. In 2014 Jimmy Tullos, the football star, married Patricia Morrison, his homecoming queen.