

GREAT GREENIES!

(Or: Greenies Who Really Made It!)

Persons who graduated from, attended, or taught at South Park High School or South Park/Lamar Junior College, prior to High School closure in 1986:

1. Nick Lampson, U.S. Congressman
2. Jack Brooks, Lamar Junior College
3. Mark Chesnutt, Musician & Singer
4. Dave Oliphant, writer (grad. 1957)
5. Andrew Rudin, Composer (grad. 1957)
6. Tex Ritter (attended 2 years but graduated Nederland High)
7. John Gray (1924-25 Lamar Jr. Coll.); twice Pres. of Lamar U.; Banker
8. Ral Donner (early 60's Elvis-type rock n' roll star)
9. Bob McDill – Nashville Grammy & BMI awards-wrote "Amanda"
10. Tillman Smith (94th Dist. Ct. Judge-Nueces Cty., 1925 Jr. College)
11. Ron Walker, Chief Justice, Beaumont Court of Appeals, State District Judge, County Judge of Jefferson County, Texas (Class of 1955)
12. Michael Matheny, State District Judge (Class of 1954)
13. Anthony Brocato, Lamar Jr. College, Beaumont City Attorney
14. Gilbert T. Adams, Sr., attorney & banker, 1926 Jr. College
15. Clyde Rush, Chief of Police/Beaumont, 1933 Jr. College
16. Corwin Mendenhall, Rear Admiral, U.S. Navy (grad. 1934)
17. Billy Halfin, Sports writer (grad. 1951)
18. Gene Van Meter (SPHS, circa 1948), Gold Crest Electric Co.
19. Leon Plake, Plake Construction (SPHS, circa 1942)
20. O. G. Parks, 1944 Memoriam, grad. and taught SPHS, pianist
21. Lupe Flores, Judge, Jefferson County Court at Law #2, Class of 1967
22. James 'Jimmy' Sparks, Judge, County Court at Law #2
23. Charles Gibbs, Sr., SPISD Bd. Member, insurance agent/Bmt.
24. Jerry Mallett, Superintendent, BISD; pro baseball, Boston Red Sox; Colonel, U.S. Army; father played for Washington Senators
25. George R. Sharp; SPHS grad, teacher, counselor, and principal for 21 years
26. Eddie Bernard, Director, NOAA
27. Elaine Pickett, 1st runner-up or Miss Universe, Class of 1968
28. Judy Mallett, Miss Texas (1973); semi-finalist for Miss America (SPHS during her sophomore yr.)
29. Carl Gibbs, pianist
30. Jim Broussard, Asst. Director, Drainage District #6

31. Coy Fuller, drummer for The Grassroots (on tour), for Boot Hill, and for Scott McGill; friend of Chip Todd, innovator in guitar design
32. Gary Mouton, lead guitarist with the Boogie Kings
33. Lynda Ferguson, finalist, Miss America (1963)
34. Alan Childs(1973), guitarist w/Toxic Rooster (San Antonio), a.k.a. Axe Rooster, view at myspace.com/toxicmuzex (may need shades)
35. Tobe Hahn, U. S. Postmaster
36. Chris Hahn, in Army, created APO, which became modern zip code
37. Ernest Allred, founder of Gerland's
38. Harold Engstrom, Justice of the Peace
39. Bob Dickinson, head-South east Texas Regional Planning Commission
40. Leroy Saleme, Assistant Superintendent, BISD; TEA administrator
41. J. W. Kinnear
42. Don Boudreaux-Beaumont attorney; Class of 1960; semi-pro baseball
43. Frank Helmke (Did he graduate fr. SPHS?)
44. Otho Plummer, attended Junior College
45. Todd Christopher-Taylor Home Health Care magnate; Texas A & M football(co-captain); Atlanta Falcons; President of SPHS Class
46. William 'Bill' Mitchell- Texas Instruments; endowed Lamar University
47. Pat Peterson Aldredge- Pat & Mike Aldredge endowed Lamar University
48. Artie McFerrin- Chemical engineer; given over \$100 million to Tex. A & M
49. Merlin P. Breaux- SPHS(1950); Lamar cardinals lineman, Corporate VP, Gulf Oil Corp.; Special asst. to Pres. Reagan for Public Liason (PR)
50. Elmo Trimble- editor of Beaumont newspaper (1925 Lamar Jr. College)
51. Pat Gilbert- Won Jefferson Award (2004); active in Boy Scouts, South Park Heritage Society, S.P. Lions Club
52. Coach Bill Fehl- Fehl school named after him
53. Herring Coe- sculptor, Lamar Junior College
54. John Alexander, artist
55. Winston Hamby, Columnist for Beaumont Enterprise; email: WinOverPN@compassnet.com;

Please send additional names, esp. from the oil patch, to Alumni Association

Athletes

1. James 'Bubba' Busceme- professional boxer, Golden Gloves, Oympics, & WBC; won bronze in Pan Amer. games (1971); educator in South America
2. Susie McAlister (pro golfer); married Gary Morton (Lucille Ball's ex)
3. Dwight Harrison (pro football 17 yrs., Buffalo Bills, last season w/Raiders, College football at Southwestern)
4. Ken Harrison (pro football-San Francisco 49ers)

5. Jerry Mallett (All American at Baylor in basketball and baseball; pro baseball, Boston Red Sox)
6. Mr. Percale (pro basketball)
7. Billy Wright (UT basketball, Pittsburgh Steelers football, Dallas Cowboys)
8. Johnny Fuller (8 yrs. NFL, cornerback & safety)
9. Bud Hebert, NFL-New York Giants & Canadian Football League
10. Darryl Johnson, New Orleans Saints, scored first touchdown in Cardinal (Lamar) stadium circa 1964
11. Bill Tipton, Coach/SPHS
12. Jimmy Anders, Coach, SPHS State Champions (1961)
13. Coach Jerry Hentschel, drafted by Chicago Bears, but chose to play pro football in Canadian FL, for the Ottawa Rough Riders
14. Perron Shoemaker
15. Sam Blanton
16. John Kimbrough
17. John Gray
18. Danny Hetzel, IBEW International Rep., pitched Lamar U's first no-hitter
19. Ronnie Boyette-SPHS starting quarterback (1965-67); Trinity College punting records; Class of 1967; All Southland Conference punter (1968) at Trinity College; brothers were Larry & Gary Boyette,
20. Larry Boyette, Texas college, SPHS, and Wharton ISD football coach and teacher;
21. Gary Boyette, quarterback/SPHS; defensive back-SFA & Lamar U.
22. Stanley 'Red' Turner-Football, Texas A & M (Orange Bowl)
23. Billy Kimbrough-Football, Baylor U.
24. Billy Baggett-(grad 1951-52) All American/LSU; attorney in Louisiana
25. Jimmy Wright-Lamar (football)
26. James Haines-College football (1970's)
27. Arthur Gray-SPHS & LU (basketball)
28. Robert McNeal-Rice University (football)
29. Craig Christopher-Rice U. (football)
30. Gene Fleming-Rice U. (football)
31. Eugene 'Gene' Coleman- Coach for Astros; played baseball & football
32. Carl Ray-Baylor U. (football)
33. Tal Light- Minor League baseball
34. James Hugh Wright-Lamar football
35. Steve McCarty, Coach, SPHS; Football for Kilgore Jr. College, then last 2 yrs college ball at S.F.A.

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If you have further suggestions for the Great Greenies List, email me, Sherry Moyer Sharp, at lumoto@aol.com