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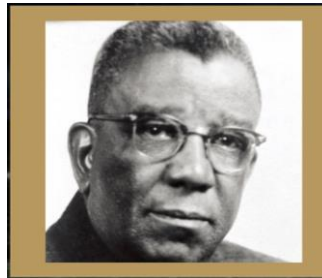
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TEXAS COLLEGE FOOTBALL COACH FINALIST FOR BLACK COLLEGE FOOTBALL HALL OF FAME



Atlanta, GA – Texas College is proud that The Black College Football Hall of Fame announced today that the late Arnett “Ace” Mumford, former Head Football Coach of Texas College Steers from 1931-1935 as one of 25 Finalists for induction into the Black College Football Hall of Fame’s Class of 2017. The Finalists were selected from a field of over 175 nominees by a 13-member Selection Committee composed of prominent journalists, commentators, historians, former NFL General Managers and football executives.

Mumford compiled a career college football record of 233–85–23 from 1924 to 1961. His head coaching positions were at Jarvis Christian College (1924–1926), Bishop College (1927–1929), Texas College (1931–1935), and Southern University and A&M College - Baton Rouge, LA (1936–1961). Mumford was inducted into the College Football Hall of Fame in 2001.

“The number of players that Historically Black Colleges and Universities sent to the NFL is amazing,” said NFL player personnel expert Gil Brandt, a member of the Selection Committee. “Football history runs deep at these schools, and it’s an important part of history to recognize and preserve.” The committee will meet again in the coming weeks to select the six members (five players and one coach) who will be inducted as the Black College Football Hall of Fame Class of 2017.

This year’s inductees will be announced on October 26, 2016. They will be honored during the Black College Football Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony, on February 25, 2017 in Atlanta, Georgia.

The Black College Football Hall of Fame was founded in 2009 by African-American pioneers, quarterbacks James Harris and Doug Williams to preserve the history and honor the greatest football players, coaches and contributors from Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs). There have been 64 Inductees since inception, including Mel Blount, James Harris, Willie Lanier, Art Shell and Doug Williams, who serve as Trustees.

About Texas College (TC)

Texas College is a historical black college founded in 1894, by a group of CME ministers. Our mission, who continues to embody the principles of the Christian Methodist Episcopal Church, is to *ensure that the student body experiences balanced intellectual, psychological, social and spiritual development, aimed at enabling them to become active productive members of society where they live and work.* The College pursues this mission through the core values of academic excellence; integrity; perseverance; social responsibility; tolerance; and community service. TC is led by its 23rd President Dr. Dwight Fennell. To learn more about Texas College log on to www.texascollege.edu.

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