

**Orvil L. Jones, Jr.**  
**2016 Distinguished Service**



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Orvil retired in 2004 after coaching football, baseball and track at Highland Park High School for 36 years. In addition to coaching he also served as chair of the health and physical education departments. His impact on the students in his classes and on his teams is immeasurable. His students report that hardly a day goes by when they do not rely on lessons they learned from Orvil Jones. In the 1970's Orvil managed the City of University Park Swimming Pool, employing and mentoring a number of high school students in that capacity. While teaching and coaching at HPHS he also found the time to serve as the sponsor of the Student Council and Odyssey of the Mind. It is rare for one person to be so admired from both the faculty and student perspective. Orvil is the epitome of what a coach and mentor should be: firm, strong, caring and ethical.