

# **Quinlan-Ford High School**

## **School Song**

**To you our colors Blue and White,**

**We Offer Loyalty.**

**While passing by with heads held high,**

**We pledge our love to thee.**

**Oh Ford High we do proclaim**

**To back you all the way!**

**And all our memories we do share,**

**Will last throughout our days.**

**Give 'Em Blue  
Give 'Em White  
Team Fight!**

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# **QUINLAN ISD**

## **Hall of Fame**

**Quinlan-Ford High School**  
**October 23, 2009**

**FHS Band Hall 11:00 a.m. Luncheon**  
**FHS Auditorium 12:00 p.m. Induction**



### **2009 Inductees**

**D.C. Cannon, QHS Class of 1935**  
**A.E. Butler Sr., QHS Class of 1935**  
**Dr. Irene R. Willingham, QHS Class of 1974**

**QUINLAN ISD  
2009 HALL OF FAME  
LUNCHEON AND INDUCTION**

**Program**

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**Luncheon FHS Band Hall 11:00 A.M.**

**Master of Ceremonies**

**Micheal French  
Superintendent of Schools**

**Welcome**

**Kell Clopton  
FHS Principal**

**Introductions**

**Micheal French**

**Invocation**

**Byron Burk  
Executive Director of Student Services**

**Induction Ceremony  
FHS Auditorium 12:00 P.M.**

**Welcome**

**Kell Clopton  
FHS Principal**

**Presentations**

**Kenny Stone  
School Board President**

**Recipient Remarks**

**Closing**

**Micheal French  
Superintendent of Schools**

# 2009 QISD Hall of Fame Inductees

## Daniel Chester Cannon

Daniel Chester "Dip" Cannon was born and grew up in the Gooseneck Community in the Cash area, North of Quinlan. D.C. Cannon was devoted to his family, his community and the schools in which he served. At an early age, Mr. Cannon had a passion for reading and education. The nickname "Dip" was given to him when he was approximately three years old by his sister, Pearl, because he could not wait each day for someone to read his favorite comic strip, "Dipsy-Do" to him. In high school, Cannon was an avid basketball and baseball player. He was one of the only baseball players in the county that could hit against the famous MLB Monty Stratton. This yearning for reading and sports sparked a lifetime commitment to education and to the Quinlan Independent School District.

D.C. Cannon married Quinlan native Lillian Odell Strickland on November 30, 1935 and they built a long-lasting life together for 69 years. Their life-long friends, Mr. and Mrs. A.E. Butler were also married in the same month and year. In the first half of the century, over ten common schools in the area consolidated to create Quinlan ISD, expanding its boundaries to include over 152 square miles. Mr. Cannon served on the Gooseneck Board of Trustees until consolidation, and then became a member of the Quinlan ISD Board of Trustees. Until the 1950s, the area was a rural, vast farm community. The creation of 36,700 acre Lake Tawakoni by the Sabine River Authority brought exponential student growth to QISD in the 1970's and early 1980's.

Quinlan school leaders, W.H. Ford, C.B. Thompson, Mr. Cannon, Mr. Butler and others experienced the early growth of Quinlan ISD from a small 1A school district to a large 3A school district. Quinlan Elementary School was re-organized to include pre-kindergarten through third grade. The school was renamed D.C. Cannon Elementary School in honor of his thirty-seven years of service as a QISD Board of Trustee. The majority of Cannon's service to the board was as board president.

Concurrent with his service as a QISD board member, Mr. Cannon worked for the Hunt County Precinct 3 for thirty years. Cannon was instrumental in the planning, constructing and general oversight of many roads in the county. He also worked as a deputy for Sheriff Red Woods for four years.

Throughout the holiday seasons, Mr. and Mrs. Cannon brought holiday cheer to the Quinlan community with the largest Christmas light display in the area. Cannon was a lifetime member and leader of the First United Methodist Church of Quinlan. He has one son, Gary Cannon, four grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Quinlan Independent School district is proud to induct Mr. Daniel Chester Cannon into the QISD Hall of Fame.

### **Arlee E. Butler Sr.**

Arlee E. Butler was born on August 16, 1915, in the String Town Community. He was the seventh child of Lou and Tom Butler. He attended String Town School until age eleven. His family later relocated to the Payne Store Community. After graduating from Quinlan high school in 1935, Butler went to San Francisco, California to work on the Golden Gate Bridge. Upon returning to Quinlan, Arlee married Nancy Christine Robinson on November 28, 1935. They were married for sixty-seven years and were blessed with the birth of their daughter, Nancy, in 1937 and their son, Wendell in 1939.

Arlee and Nancy left their farm and moved to Pennsylvania to find work during the depression. In 1938, they returned to Quinlan to farm once again until 1941, when he moved to Richmond, California to work in the shipyards. Mr. Butler planned to work just long enough to make crop money for 1942. What he didn't know was that Pearl Harbor would be attacked in December of 1941. The U.S. was at war! Due to these circumstances, he was not able to return home. His job at the shipyard was frozen so his family joined him in California. While in California, Arlee worked on the repair of the Liberty Ship, which was manned by the Merchant Marines during WWII. The Great War ended in 1945. Butler returned to Quinlan to farm on the land that he was raised on and later purchased it with the money he earned while working at the shipyards.

After two years, he began working for Hunt County building bridges. In the 1950s, he was contacted by McKinney Highway Construction to build hard top farm to market roads. Arlee was in charge of excavation. After two years, he purchased the Mobile Station, which was previously located on Main Street (276) in Quinlan. It became a family business where his wife and children all worked alongside of him. He sold the station about five years later, due to the illness of his wife's parents. He returned to excavation work, until his doctor insisted he change occupations because of the damage it was doing to his health. He soon began working for a seismograph company in Dallas. Along the way, he had acquired another 183 acres to add to his previous 100 acre farm. Arlee was always a rancher at heart.

Arlee then began working for the Quinlan State Bank as a teller. He was offered the position of vice president three times, which he finally accepted. He was eventually promoted to president, where he remained until his retirement in 1980. At this time, he became a full time rancher until 2001, when he sold his cattle to his grandson, Wendell Butler Jr. Upon Mr. Butler's retirement, which coincided with lifetime best friend, D.C. Cannon's, Butler Intermediate School was formed and was named in his honor for thirty-seven years of dedicated service on the QISD school board.

Quinlan Independent School district is proud to induct Mr. Arlee E. Butler Sr. into the QISD Hall of Fame.

## **Dr. Irene Rae Willingham**

Dr. Irene Rae Willingham grew up on “The Willingham” farm just west of Quinlan and attended Quinlan ISD. She is a 1974 graduate of Quinlan High School. Irene is the daughter of the late J.D. and Irene Willingham, long-time QHS homemaking teacher. Her mother inspired Irene to make the most of her education.

While in school, Irene was active in: Panther Annual Staff, National Honor Society - serving as president her senior year, Future Teacher’s of America – serving as president her senior year, Who’s Who in American High Schools, Future Homemakers of America All-Region - area vice president, Panther Prints Newspaper staff, Science Club and was voted *Most Likely to Succeed*.

After graduating from high school, Irene received a Bachelor of Science degree from East Texas State University in 1977, Masters of Science from Case Western Reserve University in 1979 and her Medical Doctorate, with honors, from Baylor College of Medicine in 1985. After completing her internship, Irene became a Nutritionist/Dietician and began a private practice in 1979. She moved to Colorado to complete her neurosurgery residency at the University of Colorado from 1985-1991. She has been a certified member of the American Board of Neurological Surgery since May of 1994. Irene was a director for the Baylor University Medical Center’s Brain Tumor Treatment Center from 2004-2007. During this time, she also worked as a Neurosurgeon at the Health Texas Physician Network in Dallas. Since 1990, Dr. Willingham has worked as a medical expert with the Professional Liability Defense Issues, representing law firms in Texas and Colorado. Willingham’s special interests include: neurotrauma, complex spine problems, clinical nutrition and women’s health and fitness. Most recently, Dr. Irene Willingham founded Aeon Health - a health behavior change company. This facility is noted for changing the way health and a wellness service are delivered and focuses on three core areas: life, health and performance.

Dr. Willingham is also an active member of the Dallas Metropolitan Ballet Guild. Dr. Willingham is married to Lance Terada, M.D. and has two children, Ross and Leah. They currently reside in Highland Park.

Quinlan Independent School District is proud to induct Dr. Irene Rae Willingham into the QISD Hall of Fame.

# 2009 Quinlan ISD Homecoming Festivities

## Friday, October 23, 2009

**11:00 AM**—2nd Annual **QISD Hall of Fame Luncheon**  
Ford High School Band Hall and Auditorium

**2:45 PM** FHS Homecoming **Pep-Rally at FHS Gym**

**7:00 PM** Homecoming Pre-Game Ceremonies begin...

**Homecoming King and Queen crowning!**

**7:22 PM QISD Hall of Fame Inductees to perform UIL  
Coin Toss.**

## Saturday, October 24, 2009

**8:30 AM** Homecoming Parade line-ups begin

**11:00 AM Homecoming Parade**

Grand-Marshalls will be the 2009 Hall of Fame Inductees

**Parade Route:** Parade entries will line-up in the Butler Drive that leads to Cannon just like the Christmas Parade. The parade route will begin at D.C. Cannon Elementary and turn right on Spur 264, right on SH 276, travel through downtown Quinlan, right on Piccadilly St. (at Central Office), left on Richmond St., in front of the Education Center and right on College street back to Butler Drive leading to Cannon (starting point).

## Other Activities Saturday, October 24, 2009

1<sup>st</sup> Annual BBQ Cook-off (after parade)

1<sup>st</sup> Annual Flag-Football & Tug of War games (1-4 pm)

73<sup>rd</sup> Annual QISD Fall Festival (4 pm after games)

1<sup>st</sup> Annual Homecoming Street Dance (6 – 8pm)

***Bring Your Lawn Chairs! All activities after parade  
are set to take place at Ford High School!***

