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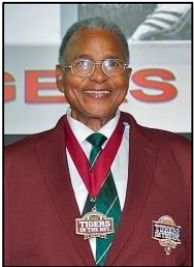
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TSU Mourns the Loss of former TSU Football Great Winston Hill

Texas Southern University mourns the loss of a sports legend. Winston Hill, a Super Bowl Champion, an NFL super star and a TSU Tiger has passed. He passed in Denver at the age of 74.



The Joaquin, Texas was a standout tackle for TSU in the early 1960's. Hill was drafted in 1963 by the Baltimore Colts in the 11th round but played 14 of his 15 year career as an offensive tackle with the New York Jets, finishing in 1977 with the Los Angeles Rams.

Hill made a name for himself by protecting the blindside for Joe Namath. Hill played for the Jets in the 1968 Super Bowl II upset victory over the Colts, and he was a four-time AFL All-Start and four time Pro-Bowl selection. He was also inducted into the Jets' Ring of Honor in 2010.

Texas Southern University had an opportunity to honor Hill and 29 other former TSU football players during a homecoming celebration titled "Tigers in the NFL, A First and Goal Celebration in 2015.

Hill had this to say about being recognized by his alma mater;

"When I was a boy, and would get a deep cut or gash on my leg or arm or something, my mom would always refer to it as a grave injury. I was a little boy maybe 5 or 6 and she was talking about a grave injury; I thought I was going to go to the grave. But what she was saying is that this scar would stay with you until you die. It was major. So the honor that we will receive at Texas Southern is one of those grave honors. It's an honor that I will take with me to the grave. And it will always be looked upon as very, very special."

Hill and the other former TSU football players were presented with a Maroon jacket and medallion during the dinner. They were also served as grand marshals in the TSU homecoming parade and were honored during the homecoming football game.

Winston Hill was one of TSU's proud sons and he will be dearly missed.



TSU Alumnus Winston Hill (center) at "Tigers in the NFL-A First and Goal Celebration" Homecoming Dinner in October 2015.
(l-r) Dominique Calhoun-Student Regent, Eva Pickens-VP for University Advancement, Dr. John Rudley-TSU President and Dr. Charles McClelland-VP for Intercollegiate Athletics