

Lillian Jones

Lillian is a 1944 graduate of West Columbia High School and was a member of the band. After attending Southwest Texas State Teacher's College she was hired to teach Science at West Columbia Junior High and later assigned to teach Physical Education and coach girls basketball and tennis at Columbia High School. Lillian's first year 3 on 3 girl's basketball team won the consolation championship of the girl's state basketball tournament. Lillian also coached the first-ever tennis state champion – Mary Katherine Brand Lansford. Lillian fondly remembers participants Ann Wisch Crocker, Mary Ella Badge, Donna Chesney Loggins, Delores Gupton, Goldie Faye Powell Bertram, Dorothy Wleczyk LeBlanc, Nancy Slaughter Kingrea, and watching Mary Katherine Brand beat all the boys in tennis. Lillian then taught school overseas for many years at Clarke Air Force Base in the Philippines, the American School in Tokyo, Japan, and also in Germany and France. She returned home and also taught in Angleton, Brazosport, Brazoswood, and Sweeny. Lillian ended her education career of well over 40 years by serving on the Columbia-Brazoria ISD Board of Trustees.