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## **ART MONK AND DESEAN JACKSON HEADLINE 2015 WASHINGTON FOOTBALL LEGENDS**

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February 10, 2015 (Washington, D.C.) – Washington Football Legends today announced its 2015 award recipients, who will be honored during the **Seventh Annual Washington Football Legends Scholarship Gala**, a Charity Benefit Dinner & Auction on Saturday, March 28 at the Bethesda North Marriott in Bethesda, MD. The 2015 honorees are:

### **ART MONK, Wide Receiver**

*Bobby Mitchell Champion of the Gridiron Award*

### **DESEAN JACKSON, Wide Receiver**

*Quarterback Club Washington Redskins Player of the Year Award*

### **KEENAN REYNOLDS, United States Naval Academy**

*College Player of the Year Award, Presented by BMW and Mini of Sterling*

### **RICHIE PETITBON, Gonzaga College High School**

*Herman Boone High School Player of the Year Award*

### **JIM VANCE, WRC-TV News4 Anchor in Washington, DC**

*George Michael Excellence in Media Award*

The Washington Football Legends Scholarship Gala, Presented by Marriott, honors the achievements of Greater Washington, D.C. area football players, community leaders, members of the media and Washington Redskins legends. The honorees are chosen by a Selection Committee comprised of respected media members including **Glenn Harris, Chick Hernandez, Larry Michael** and **Rick “Doc” Walker**.

“The Washington Football Legends Scholarship Gala is a meaningful endeavor that benefits those in need and recognizes outstanding achievement,” said former Redskins Quarterback and Super Bowl XXII MVP **Doug Williams**. “Washington D.C. is a special place and a community we all love. The support of **Marriott International**, the **Washington Redskins** and the **NFL** has been instrumental in making this night a great success every year.”

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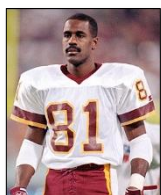


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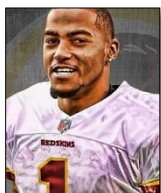
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## 2015 AWARD RECIPIENTS



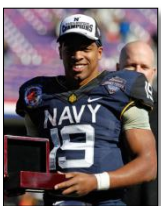
### **ART MONK... BOBBY MITCHELL CHAMPION OF THE GRIDIRON**

Wide Receiver ... Washington Redskins (1980-1993) ... 2008 Pro Football Hall of Fame inductee ... 2012 College Football Hall of Fame inductee ... Three-time Super Bowl Champion ... Two-time All-Pro selection ... Elected to three Pro Bowls ... All-Rookie Team in 1980 ... NFL 1980s All-Decade Team ... Member of the 70 Greatest Redskins ... Member of Washington Redskins Ring of Fame ... Retired from NFL with 940 Receptions, an NFL record at the time.



### **DESEAN JACKSON... QUARTERBACK CLUB WASHINGTON REDSKINS PLAYER OF THE YEAR**

Wide Receiver and Punt Returner... Three-time Pro Bowl selection before signing with the Washington Redskins in April of 2014 ... Finished 2014 season with 56 receptions for 1,169 receiving yards and six touchdowns ... Led the Redskins in receiving yards and receiving touchdowns in 2014 ... His 20.9 yards per reception were tops in the NFL.



### **KEENAN REYNOLDS... COLLEGE PLAYER OF THE YEAR**

Quarterback ... United States Naval Academy in Annapolis, MD ... Named Navy Football MVP in each of his three seasons ... Rushed for 1,191 yards and 23 touchdowns, while completing 52 of his 111 pass attempts for 843 yards and six touchdowns despite missing two games due to injury his senior season ... NCAA record for rushing touchdowns by a quarterback in a season (31) and career (64) ... Has won the Annapolis Touchdown Silver Helmet Award three times.



### **RICHIE PETITBON... HERMAN BOONE HIGH SCHOOL PLAYER OF THE YEAR**

Offensive Guard ... Gonzaga College High School in Washington, DC ... Grandson of former Washington Redskins Defensive Coordinator Richie Alvin Petitbon ... All-Met honoree and Parade All-American ... Paved the way for the Gonzaga College High School Eagles football team to rush for 2,413 yards and 35 touchdowns in 2014 ... Participant in the Under Armour All-America Game ... Will attend the University of Alabama on an athletic scholarship beginning fall of 2015.



### **JIM VANCE... GEORGE MICHAEL EXCELLENCE IN MEDIA**

Vance has been part of the News4 NBC Washington team since 1969 ... Anchors News4 at 6 and News4 at 11 ... Has served at the anchor desk at News4 since 1972 ... Member of the National Association of Black Journalists and the Journalists Halls of Fame ... 17-time Emmy Award winner ... Member of the Silver Circle of the Washington Chapter of the National Association of Television Arts and Sciences ... Has been honored as a "Washingtonian of the Year."

### **About Washington Football Legends**

The Washington Football Legends Scholarship Gala is a nostalgic evening of tribute, food and fun to honor football legends in our nation's capital & provide scholarships for minority higher education assistance. In addition to honoring the greatest football players, sportscasters and philanthropists in the region, the Washington Football Legends event has awarded nearly \$150,000 in grants and scholarships to minority students in the Washington, D.C. area. The evening is hosted annually by the Joyce & Thomas Moorehead Foundation and the Shack Harris & Doug Williams Foundation.