



**MANSFIELD ISD HALL OF HONOR
INDUCTION CLASS OF 2013**

**JAMES L. COBLE
MANSFIELD HIGH
ATHLETE**

After graduating from Mansfield High in 1948, Mr. Coble went on to play football at Tarleton State University and was inducted into their Hall of Fame in 1983. Upon leaving Tarleton, he transferred and continued to play football at East Texas State University in Commerce and played in the 1953 Tangerine Bowl. His 1952 football team was inducted into the Texas A&M Commerce/ East Texas Hall of Fame in 2002. After college, he joined the US Air Force for several years before returning to Mansfield in 1961 as a teacher and coach for the Junior High. After one year, he became the principal and continued to serve as principal for 17 years before retiring in 1981. The Mansfield ISD Alumni Association awarded Coble with the Distinguished Educator Award in 2001 and was honored in 2006 when the district named a middle school James L. Coble Middle School in his honor.