



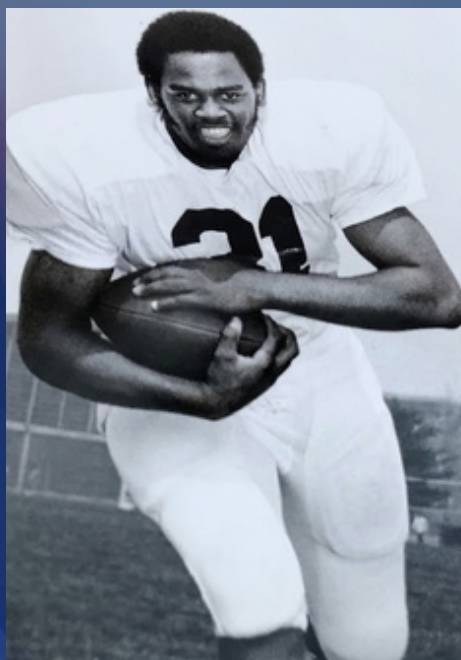
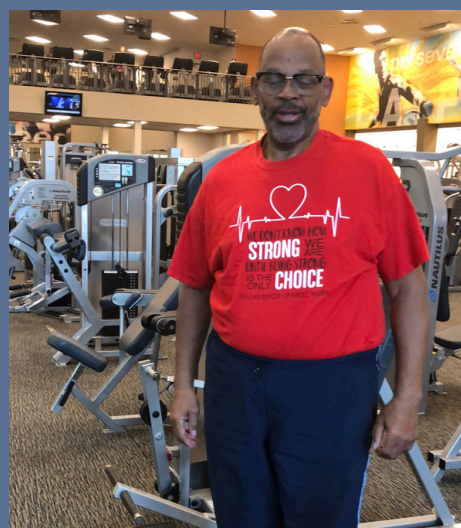
# CIAC Dedicates 2025 Football State Tournament to Dr. Leroy Williams

Dr. Leroy Williams' career in education, and high school athletics, has made him a trusted mentor and ally to student-athletes in Greater New Haven, and statewide across Connecticut, for nearly half a century. That service includes a position on the CIAC Football Committee since 1986, serving as Chair of the Committee from 1998 through the 2024-2025 school year. During his term as chairperson, Dr. Williams oversaw many important changes in Connecticut high school football which included concussion safety protocols, reduction in full contact among high school athletes, and the creation of six divisions. He also had a term as the Region I representative on the National Federation of State High School Association's (NFHS) Football Rules Committee.

To recognize Dr. Williams' service, the CIAC has dedicated the 2025 CIAC Football State Tournament in his honor. He will be formally recognized at a TBD state finals game on championship weekend.

Leroy was a football and track & field captain at New Haven's Wilbur Cross High School before moving on to the University of Connecticut where he was Honorable Mention All-East in football in 1975. Upon graduating in 1976, he would begin a career in education. Rising to administrative positions including assistant principal, and principal at the elementary and high school levels. He would also serve students as a coach, including as Head Football Coach at Lee High School in New Haven from 1978-1985.

Dr. Williams' service to the CIAC Football Committee continues to this day as a consultant.



Leroy playing football for the University of Connecticut.



Leroy pictured with Chris Palmer, who before going on to become a head coach in the NFL, was Leroy's position coach at the University of Connecticut.