

Corsicana's First & Prominent Black Leaders: Past & Present

1. Lillian Downey Agee- Missionary Teacher, Social Worker, Past President of Dallas Council of Negro Women, First Texas resident elected to the National War Mothers' Board
2. Irene Boozer-First Black Female City Commissioner in Corsicana
3. Dr. Labron Carraway-Established First Black Clinic
4. Dr. Will Coleman-First Black Veterinarian
5. Tyree Glenn- American Trombone and Vibraphone player
6. John Hardee-Jazz Musician
7. Rex Ingram- Hollywood Movie Actor
8. G.W. Jackson-First Principal-G.W. Jackson High School
9. Robert (Bob) Scott -First Black Mayor Pro Tem/City Council
10. Ruthie M. Nobles –First Black Registered Nurse
11. Olin Nickleberry- First Black County Commissioner
12. Johnny Alexander- First Black Justice of Peace
13. Faith Holt-First Black Female Certified Peace Officer/County Commissioner
14. Raychaun Ballard- First Black Constable
15. Dr. Will Watts-First Black Dentist
16. Rev. Dairy Johnson- Founder/Publisher of Examiner Monthly Newspaper/Fist Black Newspaper
17. C.L. Dellums-Officer of NAACP, Vice-President of Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters
18. Wesley Johnson-First Professional Basketball Player
19. Thelma Butcher Johnson and Corine Haywood -First to attend Navarro College
20. Dr. J. Nathaniel Nelums- first PHD Principal of G.W. Jackson High School
21. David "Fathead" Newman-Jazz Musician
22. Carolyn Clay Newsome -First Black to graduate from Navarro College
23. Shirlene King Pearson (Ms. Juicy)-Reality Television Personality
24. Mary Peterson-Manager and owner of the First Black operated Nursery School in Corsicana
25. Dr. Gordon Papps-First Black Doctor
26. Dr. H. B. Orr-First Family Doctor
27. H. E. Williams-Early Pharmacist
28. Curtis Sparks, Jr.- First Black Disc Jockey
29. Annie Buchanan-Fortune Teller
30. Fredia Wafer-First Black Female Patrol Deputy
31. Herman Driver-First Professional Football Player
32. Bobby Sparks Jr.-Professional Musician and Producer

