Father Lopez Receives Golden Super Bowl Honor Roll Football Courtesy of Brenard Wilson '73

Father Lopez Catholic High School was one of a select group of high schools worldwide to receive a Super Bowl 50 Golden



Wilson Football! As part of the Super Bowl 50 celebration, the NFL started the High School Honor Roll program to acknowledge high schools and their communities that have directly influenced Super Bowl history and impacted the game for the better. Recognized during a pregame show, this will become a Super Bowl tradition in the years to come. Our commemorative golden football comes courtesy of **Brenard K. Wilson** '73. Wilson played for eight years with the Philadelphia Eagles. After beating



the Dallas Cowboys in the NFC championship in 1981, they went on to play the Oakland Raiders in Super Bowl XV.

Wilson, a Daytona Beach native, left quite an impression on Lopez faculty and students too! According to our 1973 Veritas yearbook, Brenard was a member of both basketball and football varsity teams, Drama Club, Key Club and the National Honor Society. He was also voted "Most Athletic" by his fellow seniors.

Ted Petrucciani '64, a Lopez alum and former teacher, football coach and principal remembers "Bre" as his "favorite student athlete. He was very intelligent and had a bright sense of football, and he was a great mentor to the younger players." He also remembers that Wilson was the only player who could "defend and shut down **Wes Chandler**" (NSB '74), who went on to a career with the San Diego Chargers and later coached at Lopez. (Brenard and Wes still remain good friends.)

Another local alum, **John Restuccia** '74, was a member of the Key Club with Brenard. He remembers Wilson as an "outstanding athlete, extremely fast and soft-spoken, who led by example. He was the ideal student athlete."

Brenard Wilson remembers his high school years here as being "the greatest experience. There was something special there. The student body was extraordinary." He was very grateful for the opportunity to attend Lopez. He went on to graduate from Vanderbilt University before being drafted by the Eagles as a safety for their 1979 season. He currently lives in Nashville, Tennessee with his wife and three children.