



Women's Legacy Award

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Charean Williams '86

Charean Williams earned a place in the Pro Football Hall of Fame in 2018 as the first woman to win the Dick McCann Award, given annually by the Pro Football Writers of America (PFWA). She has had many other firsts since her initial season covering the NFL in 1994.

In 2007, Williams became the first female member of the Pro Football Hall of Fame Selection Committee. She was the 24th president of the PFWA, and the organization's first female leader, serving in the position during the 2009-10 NFL seasons.

Williams has worked for Pro Football Talk, NBC's digital NFL site, since June 2017. Williams spent 17 years covering the NFL and the Dallas Cowboys for the *Fort Worth Star-Telegram* (1999-2017) after six seasons (1994-99) as a Tampa Bay Buccaneers beat reporter for the *Orlando Sentinel*. Williams also has worked at the *Bryan-College Station Eagle* and the *Orange Leader*.

In her more than 30-year career, Williams has covered 25 Super Bowls and seven Olympic Games.

Williams, who earned the nickname "Mother Football," was selected to the Texas Sports Hall of Fame in 2019. She received the 2017 Blackie Sherrod Award from the Dallas Sports Commission for lifetime achievement covering sports in the Dallas-Fort Worth area and was inducted into Texas A&M's Former Journalism Student Association's Hall of Honor in 2012. The Dallas Press Club honored her with a Legends Award in 2018.

Williams received her B.S. in journalism from Texas A&M in 1986, where she worked as an assistant sports editor for *The Battalion*. She graduated from South Dakota State with a master's in mass communication in 2018, earning Top Scholar honors. She is an adjunct professor at SMU.