



2004 Inductee

FRANCIS ESSIC

Francis was an outstanding basketball and baseball player while attending Farmington High School. His playing ability landed him a scholarship at Appalachian. Francis was off to the US Army Air Force from 1943 to 1945. He played professional baseball from 1947 to 1951. He was the youngest manager in pro baseball in 1949. He came to Welcome High and coached in 1950-52, and at North Davidson from 1952-57. After North Davidson, he went on to Wingate and Pfeiffer Colleges. Francis was the Charlotte Office Business manager for the now extinct Carolina Cougars.

