

EAST-WEST SHRINE BOWL

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EDDIE GEORGE, ANDREW WHITWORTH SELECTED TO EAST-WEST SHRINE BOWL HALL OF FAME

Both will be recognized during the 100th annual East-West Shrine Bowl on Jan. 30



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ARLINGTON, Texas (January 14, 2025) — The East-West Shrine Bowl, the nation's oldest college football all-star game, will officially induct Eddie George and Andrew Whitworth into the prestigious East-West Shrine Bowl Hall of Fame at the East-West Shrine Bowl Hall of Fame Banquet on Wednesday, January 29 at Globe Life Field. Both George and Whitworth will be in attendance and honored during the 100th East-West Shrine Bowl on January 30 at AT&T Stadium in Arlington, Texas.

The East-West Shrine Bowl Hall of Fame is home to some of the greatest names ever to play the game including Bob Lilly, Randy White, Dick Butkus, Larry Csonka, Joe Greene, Gale Sayers, Brett Favre, Troy Vincent and Will Shields, among others. Both George and Whitworth, along with those previously listed, were recently selected as part of the [East-West Shrine Bowl All-Century Team](#).

"We're proud to celebrate Eddie George and Andrew Whitworth as the newest members of the East-West Shrine Bowl Hall of Fame," said Bob Roller, Vice President of Sports for Shriners Children's. "Both have achieved remarkable success in football after their college careers - George as a four-time Pro Bowler and now head coach at Tennessee State, and Whitworth as a Super Bowl champion and Walter Payton Man of the Year with the Los Angeles Rams. The East-West Shrine Bowl was their first step transitioning from college to professional football, and we're happy to recognize their accomplishments."

Former running back **Eddie George** played four seasons at Ohio State before a nine-year NFL career with the Houston/Tennessee Oilers/Tennessee Titans and Dallas Cowboys. He won the Heisman Trophy in 1995 after rushing for 1,927 yards and 24 touchdowns in

his senior season. George was also awarded the Walter Camp, Maxwell, and Doak Walker Awards that season.

As a professional, George won Rookie of the Year in 1996 and went eight consecutive seasons without missing a start. George is only the second NFL running back to rush for 10,000 yards while never missing a start, joining Jim Brown. Only Walter Payton (170) started more consecutive regular season games than George's 130. A four-time Pro Bowl selection, George's career totals include 10,441 rushing yards, 268 receptions, 2,227 receiving yards, and 78 touchdowns (68 rushing and 10 receiving).

George stepped into the coaching ranks in 2021, taking over as head coach of the Tennessee State Tigers. His first winning season came in 2023 and this past year he led the Tigers to the FCS Playoffs for the first time since 2013. Named Big South-OVC Coach of the Year, George guided TSU to its first conference championship since 1999. He is a finalist for the Eddie Robinson Award, which honors the national coach of the year in Division I FCS football.

Andrew Whitworth is a former offensive tackle who won a national championship at LSU in 2003. He tallied 52 career starts, second in NCAA Division I history, and finished his college career with 22 consecutive games not allowing a sack. Whitworth earned first-team All-SEC honors in his final two seasons at LSU.

Drafted in 2006, Whitworth played 16 seasons in the NFL (11 with Cincinnati, five with the Los Angeles Rams). The four-time Pro Bowler capped his career with a Super Bowl victory against the Bengals, becoming the oldest offensive lineman to play in and win a Super Bowl (40 years old).

The 6-foot-7 lineman earned the NFL's most prestigious honor in 2021 when he was named the Walter Payton NFL Man of the Year, presented to a player in recognition of community service off the field, as well as excellence on it. Whitworth has focused his efforts on helping people facing housing insecurity and damaged homes.

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ABOUT EAST-WEST SHRINE BOWL

The East-West Shrine Bowl is the nation's oldest college all-star football game. Since 1925, the game has benefited Shriners Children's and its mission to provide innovative pediatric specialty care to improve and transform the lives of children. The East-West Shrine Bowl is known for being the starting point of many noteworthy NFL careers, including nearly 80 members of the Pro Football Hall of Fame and more than 200 members of the College Football Hall of Fame. For more information, please visit shrinebowl.com.

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