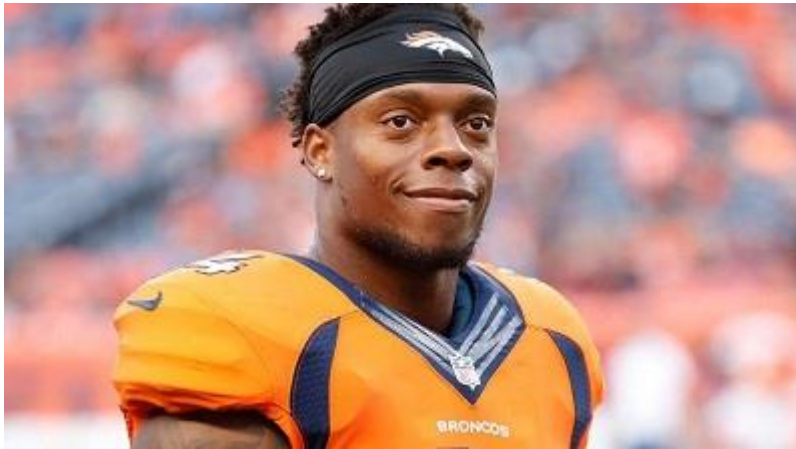




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2018 DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING JR.  
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Linebacker  
Denver Broncos National Football League Team

For his personal courage in taking a public stand for social and racial justice without regard to the personal consequences when at several NFL games. Brandon knelt on one knee during the national anthem to draw attention to the killing of young black men throughout the nation without cause.

As reported by the Denver Post newspaper: “Marshall’s actions cost him millions dollars in endorsement money as well as a loss of fan support, and prompted derogatory and hate-filled messages from strangers. His jersey was burned in the parking lot of the Broncos’ facility. His life was threatened in handwritten letters.”

The Harvard Graduate School of Education’s Alumni of Color selected Brandon Marshall as their 2017 Courage Award winner for his silent protests of social injustice, his work and contributions to local charities, and his discussions with the Denver Police Department to encourage changes to its use-of-force policy.