



ACS
HALLOF FAME

Celebrating ACS Success

2012



Welcome, Friends!

The history of our hometown — Anderson — is filled with rich stories of people transitioning through the eras from pioneering to today's world of technology. Two vital components of every era are education and leadership.

Anderson's stories encourage our youngsters to enrich their "today" and their future with knowledge and confidence. Anderson Community Schools play a major role in children's development. The schools play a major role in the community story every day.

That is why the Anderson Education Foundation and its friends established the ACS Hall of Fame in 2010. It is why we gather this week to celebrate with our Hall of Fame Class of 2012 inductees. The fourteen new Hall of Famers — alumni of Anderson, Highland, and Madison Heights High Schools — bring their own extraordinary stories to share. These friends tell us they are not unusual, not special. But when you look at their lifetime stories, you will agree with us that they **are** extraordinary. And they all received their grounding education in Anderson's public schools.

Our 14 ACS Hall of Famers are graciously sharing their lives to support the continuing development of our young people and the entire Anderson community. We thank them for their generous hearts, and for coming home this week to spend time with all of us.

In these pages, you will read about the new ACS Hall of Famers. You also will see that several businesses sponsor this year's Hall of Fame through financial and inkind support. They do this because they believe in Anderson's unfolding story and the contributions of the Hall of Famers to our community. We offer a humble, heartfelt, "Thank you," to those Valedictorian Sponsors.

We, along with the Valedictorian Sponsors and Anderson Community Schools, are also grateful for:

- the dozens of Hall of Fame 2012 volunteers ;
- the businesses that donated items to the hospitality totes given to each Hall of Famer; and
- the Hall of Fame honorees who are sharing a vision for educational and personal success.

**Cynthia Staley
Granger**
MHHS '73
Executive
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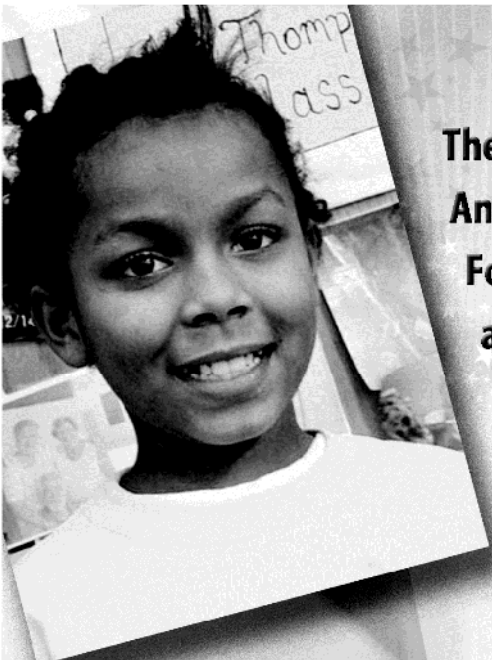


**Roger
Shoot**
MHHS '69
Volunteer
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as a bridge between
the community and
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- ★ **Encourages Academic Excellence**
- ★ **Enriches the Educational Environment**
- ★ **Promotes and Supports Innovative Education through the Responsible Use of Community Resources**



**Anderson Education
FOUNDATION**

CLAIMING TOMORROW THROUGH EDUCATION

Schedule of Events for Honorees

Wednesday October 17

Welcome to the Week Orientation for Honorees

Thursday October 18

Valedictorian Sponsors Luncheon - 11:00 a.m. at Hoosier Park
Homestretch Steakhouse

Community and school appearances

Media interviews

Friday October 19

Hall of Fame Induction Banquet and Hall of Fame unveiling
Anderson High School, 6:00 to 10:00 p.m.

Doors open 5:30 p.m. for reception

Dinner at 6:30 p.m., Hall of Fame unveiling to follow

Media interviews

Community and school appearances



Thank you, Hall of Fame Gift Tote donors

Madison County Federal Credit Union
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Anderson University
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Crave Dessert Café
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The Hair Tree
Doug Hall (AHS 1973)
IVY Tech Community College
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consultant (MHHS 1977)
Lemon Drop
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The ACS Hall of Fame's Purpose

The ACS Hall of Fame is a wonderful community project sponsored by the Anderson Education Foundation. It is the brainchild and dream of the late John Eddy, former AEF Board of Directors member and president, and Cynthia Granger, executive director of the AEF. This event seeks to define, highlight, honor and promote ACS alumni who embody the phrase "a successful life."

The Anderson Education Foundation exists primarily to fund classroom/school grants for projects that turn good ideas into unique learning opportunities for ACS students. The curriculum based projects are designed by teachers, students, and/or volunteers. The ACS Hall of Fame Valedictorian sponsorships and your attendance at this week's events add more dollars to the AEF's grants and programs funds.

In upcoming years you will see more and more "quiet heroes" among ACS Hall of Famers. Indeed, those people are the vast majority of the graduates of Anderson Community Schools. They are the people who quietly take their place next door, across or down the street, and without fanfare, get up, work, play and contribute in some way to make this community better than before.

We marvel at the wonderful stories of this year's 14 honorees, each exemplifying the best in his/her chosen path, whether as a family member, businessperson, community leader, volunteer or . . .

Each year, the public and the ACS Hall of Fame Team members suggest names for consideration. The Honorees come to town and visit classrooms and convocations, meet with service clubs, church groups and community organizations. They share, as representatives of a larger group, while we are inspired by each of their unique journeys.

In 2010, the first of two Halls opened at Anderson High School. It is unique in design and stunning in presentation, thanks to the efforts and service of devoted local professionals. We plan, in coming years, to add a second — traveling — Hall of Fame that can move from venue to venue within the ACS district. Our vision is to send it to City Hall for awhile, then perhaps to a school lobby, then to the Visitors Center or Public Library and on to other public places.

Dozens of community volunteers have given greatly of their time, thought and effort to make the ACS Hall of Fame a reality. They believe in what ACS can do for our children and that ACS is the bedrock of our city. The ACS Hall of Fame is a very important step to accurately and meaningfully express the success of what happens daily within the walls of our public school buildings. Anderson, it's time to celebrate this community's positive history and the promise of the future!

The generous continuing support of the nine Valedictorian Sponsors for 2012 speaks to their dedication to high quality education in our community. All nine of the Valedictorian Sponsors were among the inaugural Hall of Fame Valedictorian Sponsors in 2010. These organizations provide strong underpinnings of life in Anderson today and will in years to come. Please be sure to thank anyone you know who is connected to these fine organizations for helping Anderson get better and better every day.

"That we get better and better" was the wish and hope of our friend, John Eddy, a true community servant. Let it be so.

*Roger Shoot Volunteer Director
ACS Hall of Fame*



achievement

Congratulations to all inductees of this year's ACS Hall of Fame

Not every student who walked the halls of ACS has become the example you have. Thank you for your contribution to our students, our schools, and our community. Through your example, generations to come will learn that respect and admiration come to those who have earned it.

Welcome to the ACS Hall of Fame.
You HAVE earned it.

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ACS Hall of Fame Honoree **Eugene Yates**

Anderson High School Class of 1940

Gene Yates is an extraordinary individual who has lived an extraordinary life. He is well-known throughout the state for his athletic ability in basketball and in track and field. He was a part of the 1940 Indiana high school all-star basketball team, playing against Kentucky, and also became the state of Indiana's four-time high school champion in the half-mile.

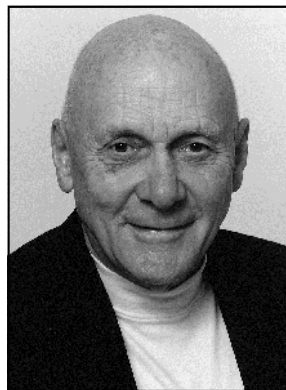
At Ohio State University, Gene became a member of the 1942 Indoor and Outdoor championship teams. Later in life, Gene was elected to the Indiana Track and Field Coaches Hall of Fame.

Gene's post-secondary education was interrupted by the outbreak of World War II. By 1943 he was serving in the Pacific Theatre as a member of the 11th Airborne Division. He served in the War's largest Naval battle in the Philippines. He received a Purple Heart for a combat wound received at Leyte, as well as a Bronze Star. Later, he served a seven-year stint with the National Guard. Returning from the War to resume his studies, Gene graduated from Ohio State in 1947 and began a long and illustrious business career. Starting as a junior accountant at McWilliams, King and Co., he eventually rose to the position of controller at Howe Fire Apparatus, and became director, chairman and president of the First Savings and Loan Association in Anderson, retiring in 1987. Gene served for five years as a member, and ten years as the Director of the State of Indiana's Commission of Department of Financial Institutions. Gene has been awarded the Sagamore of the Wabash from two different Indiana governors.

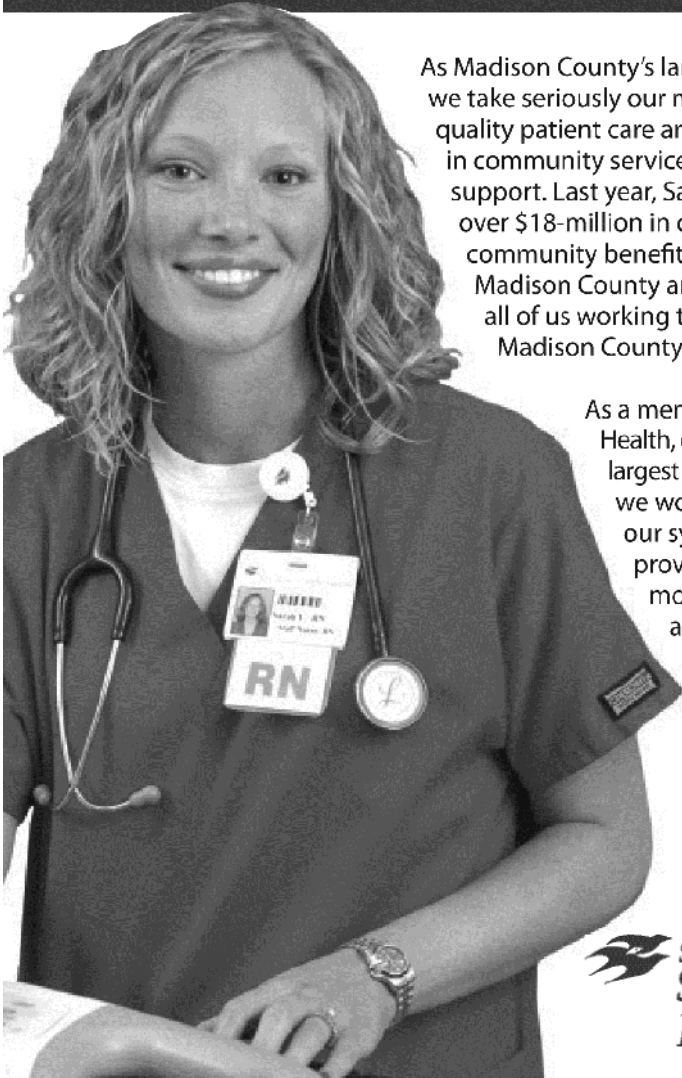
Gene married his sweetheart, the late Dorothy Kiphart, in 1944. This union produced two accomplished daughters, Robbie and Susan, and one son, John, who became a gifted athlete in his own right. Sadly, of Gene and Dorothy's eight grandchildren, only one was able to make it to the National Football League (T.J., quarterback, Houston Texans).

If there is such a thing as leisure in Gene's life, it is normally enjoyed in photography and birding. He has also served on numerous boards and charities. In 2011 he was the recipient of the Leadership Academy Servant Leadership Award.

Renowned athlete, combat veteran, successful family man and businessman, Gene is also a gifted ballroom dancer. He is known to many of his friends as "Gene, Gene the Dancing Machine."




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THE SPIRIT OF CARINGSM

ACS Hall of Fame Honoree

Lee Handley

Anderson High School Class of 1946



Precious is the moment, when pausing to consider the life of another, a single cohesive theme emerges as a beacon for others to follow. And had we not taken leave to pause, we would be the lesser for it. This pause, to consider the life of Lee Handley, reveals a life not lived by his own design, methodically moving from point A to B in premeditation, but with a weaving guided by the desire to “be a blessing to someone today.”

Handley was born August 28, 1928, in Anderson, the third of five children. He attended Washington Elementary where he was influenced by the excellence of his kindergarten teacher, Irma Van Hook, his first-grade teacher, Helen Darwin, and his third-grade teacher, Thelma Condon. Upon graduating from Anderson High School in 1946, he had served on the Student Council, Executive Council, Hi-Y, Torch Club, golf team, Red Cross, Conservation Club, Tom Tom Club, Prom Committee, and as sophomore and senior class president.

Handley attended the United States Military Academy at West Point, New York. He completed his Bachelor of Business Administration from Kettering Engineering University, and a Master of Business Administration from Ball State University in 1963. Already accomplished, he added a Doctor of Jurisprudence from Indiana School of Law in 1985. Although he had dreamed of becoming an officer in the U.S. Army, a theme of serving others had already emerged as his life occupation, irrespective of his educational and career choices.

Lee is father of three, married for over 60 years to Sue Anne Harmon Handley. He has “made himself a blessing” to numerous organizations and causes, including the United Way, Christian Center, Gideons, YMCA, New Hope Maternity Home, Literacy Coalition, Exchange Club, and First Church of the Nazarene. He mentored five Hispanic church pastors, tutored Asiatics since 1998, and spent many hours advocating for those navigating the legal system. He retired from Delco Remy, having held the position of superintendent.

A man who overcame a “fear of failure” to accomplish so much, he credits his life work to the inspiration of his wife of 60 years, his prayer partner of 25 years, and his relationship with Jesus Christ.

“Don’t compromise character for your career,” Handley offers to students today.

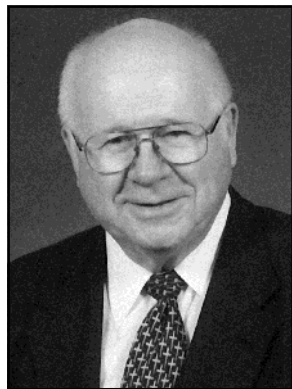
This pause to view a life well lived gives him great credibility to say such things, and a great example to be followed.

ACS POINTS OF PRIDE

1. ACS has, by far, the highest number of Advanced Placement courses/Honors programs in Madison County.
2. For an urban school system, ACS facilities are far above average.
3. ACS has wonderful, dedicated teachers, administrators and staff.
4. ACS has the most extensive Special Education services in Madison County.
5. ACS class sizes are low, even with contractual averages of 26 to 28 students per room.
6. ACS is widely known for extra academic experiences: its Robotics Team, Rube Goldberg Team, Championship Bands, National and State Spelling students, to name a few.
7. Our community cares: students collected money for tornado victims in southern Indiana and AHS students took their collection to the Henryville High School personally.
8. ACS students benefit from many community partnerships, including but not limited to:
 - EXCEL Center — combining school age education services with those for adults.
 - Churches — providing assistance and support; Mounds Baptist has been instrumental in development of *Seeds of Success* at Tenth Street and in supporting the Back to School Festival at Shadyside in August to support Schoolwide Positive Behavior Supports.
 - Others — POW WOW, Anderson Symphony Orchestra, Fine Arts Center, YMCA, etc.
9. ACS is convenient for family life. School locations are in town, meaning a short drive time.
10. Excellent affordable housing is available in the Anderson area.
11. Forward thinking entrepreneurs and retired executives live here and work with Flagship, and governmental and private entities, on economic diversity and vitality.
12. Ivy Tech, Anderson University and Purdue University School of Technology are all located in our city.
13. We are close to Indianapolis and to the capital government infrastructure (for teaching civics, business, expanded cultural/arts and pleasure outings)
14. ACS is served by the Anderson Education Foundation that is dedicated to enhancing quality education in ACS classrooms.

ACS Hall of Fame Honoree William Hardacre

Anderson High School Class of 1949



Bill Hardacre is the only known ACS Community Hall of Fame inductee to have served as a “hop boy,” which may require a bit of explanation. The eldest of three sons, Bill began his working career in the Hardacre family business, East Side Jersey Dairy, at the age of thirteen. Apparently, child labor laws were not in effect during those days. Starting as “hop boy” – a person who hopped out of the dairy truck to deliver the product to the customer’s front door – Bill worked his way up the ranks to become the company’s treasurer.

After the sale of Best Ever to Prairie Farms, Bill’s business interests included real estate projects like The Flagship Park, Creedmoor Addition and Hudson House, and he was a founding partner for EVI and for Madison Community Bank. Additionally He was instrumental in the formation of our community’s well respected Harter House assisted living facility.

Recalling his formative years in the ACS system, Bill remembers two teachers in particular who had an early and lasting influence on his life, seventh-grade teacher Dennis Strappon and eighth-grade teacher Ray Croxton. As an aside, during his days at Roosevelt School, Bill began to notice a girl by the name of Harmeson. But, more of that later.

After graduating in accounting at Indiana University, Bill eventually wound up serving in the Army during the Korean War. Bill spent sixteen months in Korea at that time. At some point following his discharge he began a four-year whirlwind courtship of Ann Harmeson, who established an enduring reputation as one of the state’s most influential dance instructors.

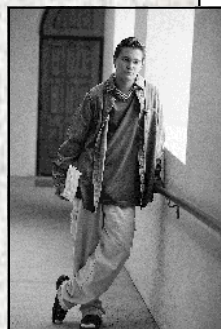
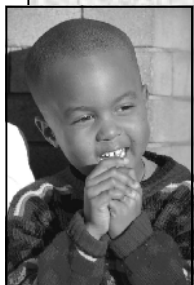
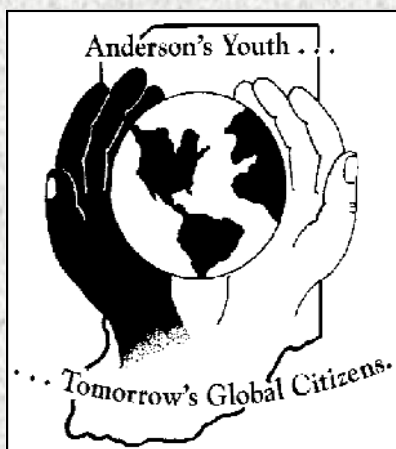
Bill and Ann Hardacre’s names are synonymous with philanthropy in the Anderson/Madison County community, (following in the footsteps of the extended Hardacre family) and both have received many acknowledgements from their neighbors for their innumerable activities. During his many years, Bill was given many awards, including the Chief Anderson, Golden Deeds, Person of the Year and an honorary doctorate from Anderson University, to name a few. Bill (and Ann) have been long-term and generous supporters of Anderson University and Bill has been on Board of Trustees for fifteen years. Of all the like-minded community servants he has met throughout life’s journey, Bill credits Dr. Virgil Bjork of the First United Methodist Church and the late Mayor Tom McMahan as being the most influential.

No story of Bill (and Ann) Hardacre’s legacy would be complete without mentioning the Paramount Theatre complex in downtown Anderson. Bill (and Ann) were 2 of the 4 people to enter the building less than 30 days before the wrecking ball was to start the demolition. They were leaders in building a coalition of committed community citizens who banded together to save and restore it. Twenty-three years later, they are still vitally involved in its operation and constant champions for its use and preservation.

Bill’s commitment to service is an outward manifestation of his deep and abiding faith, one that is anchored on Psalms 48:14: “For this God is our God forever and ever. He will be our guide even unto death.”



Congratulations to ACS Hall of Fame Honorees of 2012



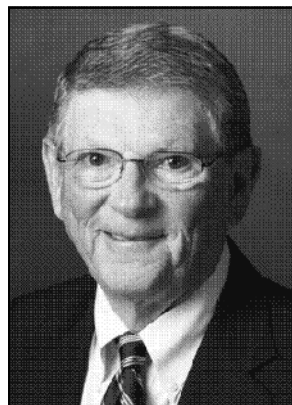
The mission of the
Anderson Community School Corporation
is to develop and provide knowledge
work that engages all students, resulting
in maximum opportunities after graduation.



ACS Hall of Fame Honoree

James Ault

Anderson High School Class of 1953



Jim Ault is a leader's leader.

Jim Ault is a servant leader.

People who study leadership will tell you that natural leaders know when to lead and when to follow, that most leaders are quiet, self-effacing, and humble about their accomplishments. Meet Jim Ault.

Jim IS that kind of leader. Like the other members of the ACS Hall of Fame, Jim is reticent to discuss his many accomplishments, preferring to talk about his family and friends rather than all he brings to and gives to the greater Anderson and Madison County communities.

Jim will tell you, instead, about his "best buddy, sweetheart and classmate" from Anderson High School, Marilyn Mills Ault, and how grateful he is to have met her early in his life. And he will want to talk about his lifelong buddies from grade school (how many of us can do that?): Sheldon Wilde, Denny Simpson, Al Hamilton and Curt Hockett. He will also talk about how he enjoyed school – math, physics, English and drama – and his one regret of not learning to play a musical instrument. Typical of a servant leader, (with great attention to detail) he can rattle off names of teachers, class sponsors and principals. He was active as a class officer, X-Ray staff, yearbook, Student Council and drama club. "It was a great time," he says.

Jim's father worked at Delco Remy and his mom stayed home and took care of Jim and his two older siblings. Jim started work early (typical leader behavior) as a janitor in the fifth grade, and out of college was an engineer for Delco. Jim had the normal teenage dreams, "none of which included my final career," he notes. He will tell you that the study of mechanical engineering at GMI (now Kettering) gave him a base of flexibility that has clearly served him well.

Jim's General Motor's career is legendary, ending with the position of executive vice president of GM Overseas. On the way, he was director of engineering and eventually held three general manager positions -- at Delco Remy Division, moving to Rochester Products Division and then Saginaw Gear Division.

A community and civic leader for decades, a *short* list includes ACS School Board, Boy Scouts Distinguished Citizen Award, Volunteer of the Year for United Way (with Marilyn), founding member of the Madison Community Bank, Anderson University Honorary Doctorate, and Sagamore of the Wabash from Governor Bob Orr. Isn't it amazing what stellar community work can be traced way back to high school and the "Daddy Black" award he got at AHS?

Ault's advice: "Enjoy what you do, be enthusiastic, share the 'fun' with others, choose your friends wisely."

Advice from a leader's leader, advice from a servant leader. Good advice.

We are honored to have strong
leaders in our community.

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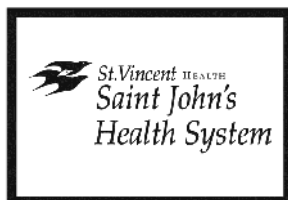
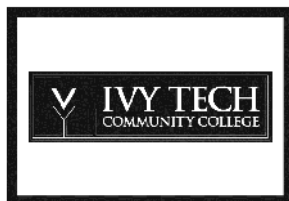
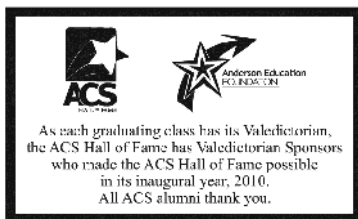


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ACS Hall of Fame Sponsors 2012

The Anderson Education Foundation thanks the following Valedictorian Sponsors for their generous support of the ACS Hall of Fame in 2010 and 2012.





ACS Hall of Fame Honoree Beverley Pitts

Anderson High School Class of 1960

Dr. Beverley "Bev" Pitts reflects that "...being in a great high school with committed teachers helped set a path for me!" It was a path lined with remarkable accomplishments as a teacher, author, journalist, University Professor, Administrator, and President.

Bev is grateful to ACS for all that she received as a starting point for her career: singing in Miss Palmer's

Choral Club, serving on the yearbook with Mr. Woschitz, and being elected a class officer.

After receiving a BA from Anderson University, Bev's path led her back to AHS where she taught Honors English and was yearbook advisor. She later joined the Anderson University faculty, where she was the founding chairperson of the Communication Department. She earned an Ed.D. from Ball State University, and then joined that faculty as Director of graduate studies in journalism, then named provost and, in 2004, acting president.

In 2005, a turn in Beverley's path led to the presidency of the University of Indianapolis. Under her administration, "IndyU" thrived, and new programs such as The Woodrow Wilson Teaching Fellowship Program; the Lugar Center for Tomorrow's Leaders, and the Institute for Civic Leadership and Mayoral Archives, were initiated. Bev served the University of Indianapolis with distinction until her retirement in 2012.

In addition, over the years, Bev has been a staff writer, researcher, and communications consultant for the National Football League Players Association; results of her NFLPA work have appeared in more than 50 newspapers and magazines.

As a researcher and writer with a focus on the newswriting process, Bev has published more than 40 articles and a book, *The Process of Media Writing*.

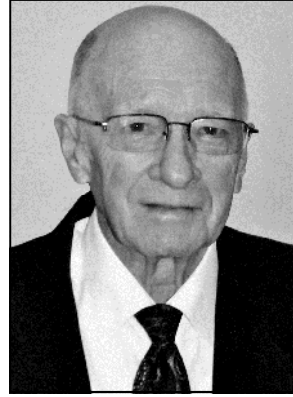
Bev's many awards include Distinguished Alumni Awards from Ball State and Anderson Universities, the Ball State Journalism Hall of Fame Award, the National Football League Players Association Award, a Fulbright Scholarship, and an honorary doctorate from Anderson University.

Bev lights paths for others. She believes in their dreams and encourages them to persevere. Her mentoring and support for professional women have been profound gifts. She values friendships and family, and, despite a busy schedule, makes it a priority to nurture relationships. Beverley and her husband, Bill, also an AHS grad, are proud of their ACS-educated sons Rick, an attorney, and Kevin, a physicist and educator.

As president of the University of Indianapolis, Bev emphasized the challenge of "doing good with what you know," an obligation to receive what has been given and to use it to make the world a better place. As Dr. Beverley J. Pitts has walked her path, she has truly lived out that challenge.

ACS Hall of Fame Honoree Wayne Ellsworth

Anderson High School Class of 1964



Fifteen years after Wayne Ellsworth enrolled as a freshman at Anderson High School he received a diploma. It can take that long to do something remarkable. "I am no one special," explains the 1964 graduate. That self-assessment is crushed under the weight of evidence to the contrary. As these paragraphs convey, there may not be a greater example of loyalty among us.

A deteriorating family situation forced Wayne, the eldest of ten children, to leave school after his sophomore year and work full-time at Delco Remy. The ensuing years found him employed by the railroad, then drafted by the Army for a two-year tour in Fairbanks, Alaska. His absence and his mother's illness led to placement of his siblings in an orphanage. The twenty-four year old Wayne returned to Anderson, resumed his employment at the railroad, reunited his family and re-enrolled in Anderson High School in 1961. Three years later he graduated. "It was quite an ordeal," understates the now seventy-eight year old.

The man whose biggest obstacle has been "not enough hours in the day," was raising his own family, with wife, Mary, and working once again at Delco Remy **and** driving a school bus for Anderson Community Schools as an owner/operator. He and his "wife, lover, and best friend" raised three children, and contribute to the lives of seven grandchildren, seventeen great-grandchildren, and one great-great-grandchild. Retirement from Delco Remy and selling his school bus never dampened Wayne's spirit for a hard day's work. Ellsworth still maintains a fleet of buses used for Anderson Community School athletics, donating much of his time.

"I want to leave this world a better place than I found it," says the humble Ellsworth. "Part of my objective in life, even if I can't do something, is to set a good example."

The example he set is to honor the education process to completion, hard work, commitment to faith and family, and a dedication to the needs of others...and that makes him someone very special indeed.

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ACS Hall of Fame Honoree

Gary Hoover

Madison Heights High School Class of 1969

Gary Hoover could give every resident of Anderson, Indiana, a book from his personal library. With over 55,000 titles in his collection, it becomes easy to speak of him in words such as intelligent, well-read and accomplished. To assign these descriptors based on the size of his book collection would be mistaken.

Hoover's personal library is a symptom, or evidence, of a much greater purpose – a passion for learning. “What separates the losers from the winners?” was the question at age twelve that intrigued him. While other boys were collecting baseball cards, he began collecting issues of Fortune Magazine.

Hoover, the youngest of three children, was born on March 19, 1951, in a time of great economic expansion post-World War II. It was during that time that General Motors became the largest U.S. Corporation as measured by revenue as a percentage of overall GDP. Economics fascinated Gary, the son of an entrepreneur father and a mother employed as a substitute teacher. The combination of entrepreneurialism and education co-mingled in him a curiosity so strong it manifested as a list of business startup ideas that he maintains today.

After graduating from Madison Heights High School in 1969, Hoover entered the University of Chicago and received a Bachelor of Arts in Economics in 1973. The boy who always knew he would be in business began to put his ideas to test. At age 30, he founded BOOKSTOP, a pioneering book superstore that eventually was purchased by Barnes and Noble. He took Hoover's public in 1999, and later sold the internet-based business research company, to Dunn & Bradstreet in 2003 for over \$100 million.

“I believe in the entrepreneurial spirit,” says Hoover, “which, to me, means finding great satisfaction from serving others.” If there are young entrepreneurs who would follow his path, he offers this, “You must be passionate about what you do, and your customers must love your product or service, or it will not work – be it in government, non-profit, or the for-profit world.” That piece of advice flows effortlessly from him. It may be much more difficult to pin down his favorite book.

ACS Hall of Fame Honoree

Joe Royer

Anderson High School Class of 1971



At a young age, Joe Royer's management and organizational abilities were recognizable to others. While at AHS, Joe worked after school at the Anderson Public Library, balancing work with many school activities. He was the AHS Indian mascot, appeared in many musical productions, and was a member of Choral Club, Swing Choir and Madrigal Singers. His ability to juggle academic success and extra-curricular participation culminated in receiving the coveted J.C. "Daddy" Black Award his senior year.

He is grateful for "many, loving, caring teachers," among them, AHS music teacher Rick Seaver, and trigonometry teacher Jerry Porter. Joe's greatest school recollections, though, have to do with faith and family: his greatest influences were his faith and his wife, Margo, both of which he "was lucky enough to find early in high school."

Joe's gifts led to a career in engineering. As a student at General Motors Institute, a co-op education plan enabled him to work at Delco Remy while pursuing college studies. After graduation from GMI in 1976, Joe served Delco Remy in various management capacities until 1984, when he joined Anderson University.

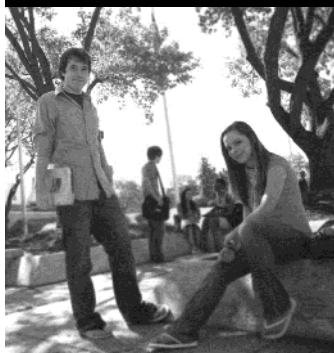
Now executive director of facilities and property management at AU, Joe's contributions as the chief steward of AU's beautiful and growing campus have been profound. Though usually working behind the scenes, Joe has led construction projects that have resulted in many of AU's most celebrated moments. Before the ribbon-cutting for Kardatzke Wellness Center, York Village, Colts Camp, or, most recently, the opening of the doors at York Performance Hall, there was the steady hand and devoted service of Joe Royer.

As co-chair of two major building projects for North Anderson/Madison Park Church of God, Joe's skills have also impacted the Anderson Community. Joe takes great pride in "helping bring to life, through bricks and mortar, dreams and visions persons have."

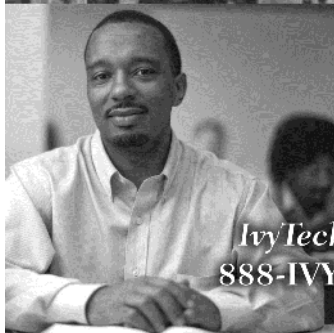
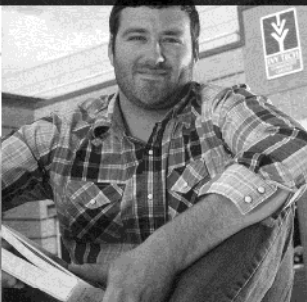
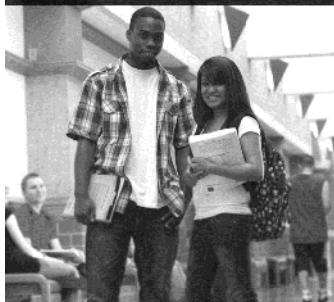
Integrity is important to Joe; he believes that when integrity and trust are intertwined, "good comes naturally." Joe's integrity and trustworthiness have earned him respect from colleagues. He has several honors from AU, including the Falls School of Business MBA Distinguished Academic Leader Award.

Though Joe takes pride in these honors, his greatest pride is in his family: he is grateful that wife Margo and their three children, Natalie, Hillary, and Josh and their spouses, are persons of faith and productive in their communities.

Joe values faith, family, service, knowledge, and integrity. For Joe Royer, good comes naturally.



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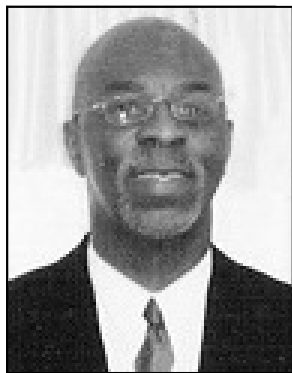


ACS Hall of Fame Honoree

Bobby Wilkerson

Madison Heights High School Class of 1972

In a March 21, 2012, interview with the Herald Bulletin, Robert “Bobby” Lee Wilkerson stated, “I don’t really care for awards. I believe your deeds should speak for themselves.” The 1972 graduate of Madison Heights High School had just been inducted into the Indiana Basketball Hall of Fame.



His words offer an uncommon refrain among star athletes – humility. What lies beneath is a life of passion. Ralph Waldo Emerson declared passion as that which “rebuilds the world for the youth.” The passion, and world, of Bobby Wilkerson became focused on a spherical, inflated ball approximately 29.5 inches in circumference.

On August 15, 1954, Wilkerson became the tenth of thirteen children born to working class parents in the Hazelwood area of Anderson. He attended Hazelwood Elementary and South Side Middle School. Phil Buck, Madison Heights boys’ basketball coach, inspired him to focus his passion for basketball on a career beyond high school. In 1976, as a starting senior for the Indiana Hoosiers under Coach Bobby Knight, Wilkerson saw the reward of his hard work, faith and passion. The team achieved the last perfect season in Division I Men’s Basketball and a national championship.

Wilkerson graduated from Indiana University with a Bachelor of Science in kinesiology and later earned a Master of Arts in Education from Oakland University. He was drafted by the Seattle Supersonics in 1976, and played seven seasons in the NBA with Seattle, Denver, Chicago and Cleveland.

Looking back, Wilkerson would not change a thing. He desires to inspire children the same way he was inspired by family, Coach Buck, Coach Knight and faith in God. After all his accomplishments, he expresses gratitude “that God blessed me with talent and the compassion to bless others and stay humble.”

His advice to the generations of children that follow is to respect family, faith, and the knowledge that “choices and decisions you make while young, can and will, affect you when you are older.” He is passionate about that, too.



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Misty Novak

Madison Heights High School Class of 1973

“The purpose of my life is not just to be happy
It must be useful, honorable, compassionate;
It must have made a difference
That I have lived.”



These last lines of a poem by an unknown author states the beauty of the life of Misty Novak. The younger of two girls, Misty grew up in Anderson and attended ACS schools until graduating in 1973 from Madison Heights High School. With the goal of becoming a teacher like her mother, she attended Anderson College (now AU) and Ball State University for her undergraduate and then graduate work in education. One of the things she is proudest of is using that degree in 31 years of teaching. Now retired, she says “I truly loved being a small part of students’ lives.”

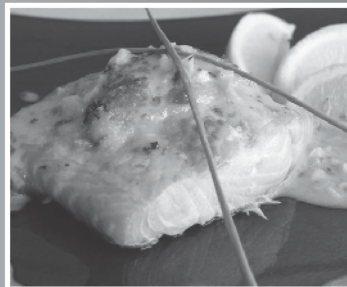
Misty tried to make her classroom a place where students could enjoy learning and where every student could find a voice. This idea was instilled in Misty very young while visiting her mother’s classroom. “My elementary school was in the township and mom taught in the city, and sometimes our schedules for vacation days were different. I recall watching her teach and thinking how much fun it was to be in her class. I knew at an early age that I wanted to make learning fun, too, so I set my path toward teaching and never looked back.” With this influence, along with memorable teachers like Mr. Bowman, Cora Mae Simmons, and others, Misty has certainly lived up to the idea that her life has made a difference in the lives of her many students.

Though her husband, Daniel, children Zachary, Joel and Brytni, and her grandchildren Camden, Lily, Kendall and Connor continue to make Misty’s “buttons pop off my jacket,” not everything has been perfect. She states as her biggest obstacle was the sudden death of son Zachary in an airplane accident. She will always miss him and longs for him each day.

Misty’s biggest influence in her life is her faith. “Faith is at the heart of who I am. Throughout the highs and lows of my life, I persevered because of my Lord. . . living my faith and trying to be more like Jesus – that is what inspires me to do good,” she says.

For Misty, there are no regrets in life. “The best way is to change yourself and your actions and forge onward. Looking ahead rather than back at regrets is the best way to live,” she believes. It is apparent, on another look at the introductory poem, that Misty has been “useful, honorable, compassionate.” She has certainly made a difference in the lives of her family, her community, and the countless children she has guided.

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John Pistole

Anderson High School Class of 1974



The headline of the paper could say “LOCAL BOY MAKES GOOD.”

What that article would tell you is that John Pistole, who was in the FBI for 26 years and became the deputy director (#2 person) of the FBI from 2004 to 2010, had been nominated by President Obama to be administrator of the TSA (Transportation Security Administration) and had been unanimously confirmed by the U.S. Senate in June of 2010.

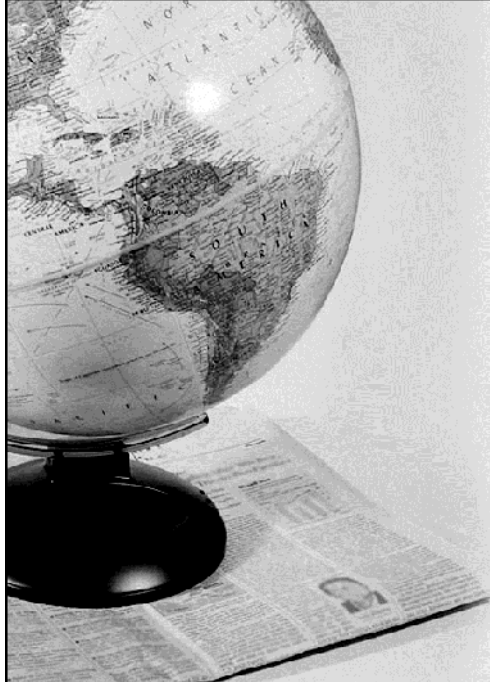
It would tell you that Pistole grew up in Anderson, Indiana, since his parents moved here in 1957, and attended ACS. He then graduated from Anderson University and went on to Indiana University and the Robert McKinney School of Law. That article would say that his parents were Hollis Pistole (minister and Anderson University School of Theology professor) and Elizabeth Pistole (AHS English and psychology teacher) and that he was the youngest following his three siblings, Cindy Poikonen, Carole Greenwalt, and David Pistole. It might mention that he has been married to his wife, Kathy, for 33 years, and they have two daughters, Lauren and Jennifer. Certainly it would talk about all of the information you might get if you Googled his name.

The article would not mention a lot of really important information. Luckily, we know so much more. For example, we know that outside of his public identity, there is the John Pistole who was taught the value of hard work by having an Indy Star paper route, and that is why he can't sleep in. That he detassled corn during the hot summers in junior high and learned the rewards of hard work.

The article would not tell you about his Godly parents and how he feels that he got a second chance in life, physically and spiritually, after a car accident his senior year of high school broke his neck. The reporter may not have mentioned that Pistole's biggest influences have been his parents, friends in junior and senior high, and his involvement at Park Place Church of God. The story would not likely tell about how grateful he is for his family, a healthy healed body, and a life shared in Christian fellowship.

The article probably would not talk about how John would encourage others to say “yes” to opportunities that were not planned and that his personal philosophy is that “life is a joyous gift given to be lived to the fullest, particularly in service to others.” It also may not mention that the quote he lives by is from John Wesley, who said “Do all the good you can, by all the means you can, in all the ways you can, in all the places you can, at all the times you can, to all the people you can, as long as ever you can.”

How fortunate we are to know the inside story of John Pistole, who sees himself as a small town kid who has been very fortunate in life in so many ways. We even know why the saying on his plaque is Philippians 4:13 “I can do all things through Him who strengthens me.”



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Holly Renz

Anderson High School Class of 1974



Holly Renz is one of the state of Indiana's better known advocates for adult and child victims of sexual and domestic violence. She has been recognized in the Madison County community and throughout the state with numerous awards and positions for her work in this arena.

Holly burst upon the Anderson Community Schools stage – literally – by appearing as Rudolph the Red Nosed Reindeer at Shadeland School, wearing a Christmas tree skirt. There are no witnesses to this performance willing to come forward at this time.

During her years at ACS she received great inspiration from her sixth grade teacher, Lisa McVicker, XRay staff counselor Lee Pursley, as well as serving a semester in student teaching for Norma Rockwell at Park Place Elementary. One of her most influential mentors at ACS was high school guidance counselor Nat Johnson, who encouraged her post-secondary ambitions, which led eventually to Anderson College and, later, the Ball State University nursing program.

Holly believes that helping others is simply "...part of my wiring...it's innate." The community has showered her with awards, ranging from *The Herald Bulletin's* Person of the Year (2005), the Athena Award (2008) and Anderson University's School of Nursing as Distinguished Alumni. Holly is the program director and clinical coordinator of the Madison County Sexual Assault Treatment Center (MCSATC) at Anderson's Community Hospital. In 2007 Indiana Governor Mitch Daniels appointed Holly to serve on the state's Sexual Assault Victim Advocate Standards and Certification Board. She has served as president of the Christian Center's Board of Directors and is former president of the Indiana Chapter of the International Association of Forensic Nurses.

Holly and husband, Dave, a teacher in the ACS system, are parents of two adult sons, Nathan and Federico. In Holly's spare time she enjoys salsa dancing and, as a previous Community Hospital biographer wrote, "she attempts" to play tennis and "pretends" she knows how to play golf.



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ACS Hall of Fame Honoree Rob Gillette

Madison Heights High School Class of 1978

Ever since he could remember, Robert Gillette has been fascinated by things that move. Nearly every child has sat, face pressed against the glass, and watched things “move” around us; wondering how they work. Gillette’s passion ultimately moved to direct experience as he turned his passion for technology into both a hobby and career. “You can do anything you want to do if you work hard enough and make sure you enjoy it,” says the 1978 graduate of Madison Heights High School.



Gillette was born in February 1960, the youngest of three siblings. He attended 29th Street Elementary, South Side Junior High and Madison Heights High School. He was a four-sport athlete, participating in football, basketball, baseball and track. He graduated in 1982 from Indiana University with a Bachelor of Science in Finance.

The now-married father of two children began his career bagging ice at the Redbud Nugget Ice Company, dreaming one day of becoming a pilot. “I knew I would always be in business,” he admits, but his path may have exceeded his expectations at the time. After working for Owens Corning Fiberglass Company and General Electric, he was promoted regularly through a sixteen-year career at Honeywell International, culminating in a five-year stint as president and chief executive officer of the aerospace division. In 2011, Gillette left his position as CEO at First Solar Inc. and started Gillette Properties, LLC, a real estate investment company.

The boy who was fascinated by things that move watched as his career skyrocketed over a 30- year period. “It all went pretty fast,” says Gillette. “There was always something else to be done or conquered.” Success has come with this caveat for him, “Take time to enjoy it along the way.” While that message was geared for the younger generation, it is a piece of wisdom that knows no age.

“It takes a lot of time and energy to achieve things, and as I look back, there were times when I should have taken the opportunity to appreciate more,” he says. For a person who has often wondered how things work, he seems to have figured that one out.

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ACS Hall of Fame Honoree Sharon Buchanan

Highland High School Class of 1987

From a shy girl who admittedly lacked self-confidence to a principal of an ACS elementary school may be a large leap for some, but for Sharon Buchanan it was one worth taking.

The youngest of seven children raised in Anderson, Sharon graduated from Highland High School in 1987.

She then went on to Indiana University for her undergraduate degree and Anderson University for her graduate school experience. From her early days of playing in a giant dollhouse and reading books, to her desire to help others learn, Sharon has been a school leader and proponent of learning to read.

Her first desire was to be an attorney. An elementary principal uses some of the same qualities. Daily in her professional life, Sharon must judge the actions and distribute appropriate discipline for countless elementary students. To them she becomes lawyer, judge, jury, and bailiff. Tempering that judgment is a keen sense of doing what is right, setting an example for her daughter and her students, and the desire to help others learn. She says that her first-grade teachers were Mrs. Pauline Davis, and Mrs. Charline Potastnik. These teachers helped her to love school, especially reading.

Many things have inspired Sharon to do good works around her school and the community she has been a part of her entire life. God is a driving force in her relationships with others. She wants to set a good example for her daughter, Jacara, who is 19. She has a keen desire to help others to learn. She cares deeply that individuals learn to read and believes that reading is fundamental to all learning. She has been influenced by her church, her pastors, and her family.

If Sharon could pass something on to the younger generation from what she has learned, it would be, “Never give up! You can be anything you want to be. Believe in yourself and work hard. You deserve the best, but you have to work for it.”

She lives and believes Philippians 4:13 “I can do all this through Christ who strengthens me.”



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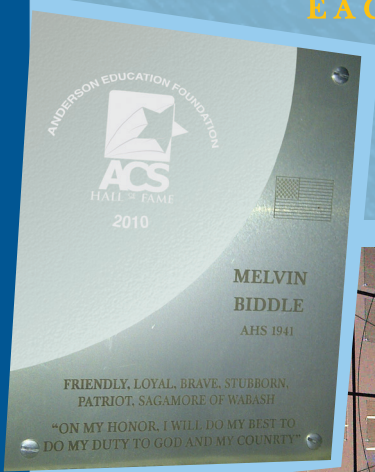
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