

Excellence for all!

Distinguished Alumni Award recipient announced

We are proud to announce our 2015 Distinguished Alumni Award recipient, John David, Watertown High School, Class of 1966. Out of an exceptional pool of nominees, Mayor David was selected for his outstanding leadership and contributions to society.

"Watertown Unified School District has many proud and accomplished graduates, and John David is among them," said Cassandra Schug, Superintendent, Watertown Unified School District. "We are honored and delighted to recognize him as our 2015 Distinguished Alumni Award recipient."

John David was born and raised in Watertown. He attended St. Henry's Catholic Grade School and was involved in many different sports at Watertown High School. He received an athletic scholarship to play football at Indiana University, Bloomington, and he was a member of the only IU Rose Bowl team. After graduation, he returned to Watertown to teach social studies, and coach football and track at WHS. He eventually left teaching to join his father and brother in the family business, Charles David's Sons, Inc. but coached for two more years. He later broadcasted WHS football on the local radio station. David also coached and served as president of the St. Henry's Catholic Grade School Athletic Board while his children attended school there.

In 1996, John David was elected a Watertown alderperson and served for 2.5 terms before being elected mayor in 2001. He served for two, three-year terms. In 2011, he ran again and was elected alderperson. He was again elected mayor in 2013.

Mayor David was appointed by Gov. Jim Doyle to the Wisconsin Retirement Board and later reappointed by Gov. Scott Walker. He currently serves as the vice chairman of the Wisconsin Retirement Board and the Employee Trust Funds Board. Additionally, Mayor David serves locally on the Davies Foundation Board, the Educational Foundation of Watertown, volunteers at the Watertown Food Pantry and has served on numerous boards at St. Henry's Catholic Church.

During homecoming week, Sept. 27 to Oct. 3, Mayor David will be recognized during a Friday, Oct. 2 luncheon and pep assembly, will serve as parade marshal and will be introduced at the football game. A plaque in his honor will be added to the Distinguished Alumni Wall of Fame display in the entranceway at Watertown High School.