

Jim DeArmond '57

Jim DeArmond spent 12 of his first 18 years attending school at what is now the Esther Dennis Middle School. While at Northridge High School he lettered in football, basketball, and baseball, participated in Hi-Y and JCOWA, and was editor of Bear Facts.

Moving on to DePauw University in Indiana, Jim majored in English and Education and was a three-sport athlete (football, baseball, and swimming). His first teaching job was at Culver Military Academy, where he taught English, coached football, swimming, and basketball, and became head baseball coach. After a few years at Culver, Jim returned to his roots at Northridge, where he taught English and was a football coach. During this time he also worked on achieving his Master's Degree in Educational Administration from Miami University in 1966. Within a few years Jim found himself at Fairmont East, back to Culver, and at Jacksonville Episcopal High School in Jacksonville, Florida, before returning to the Dayton area as an Assistant Principal/Athletic Director at Wayne High School. He was there for several years before moving to the Vandalia Butler system where he worked until retirement. At Vandalia he served as an assistant principal and athletic director at the high school and as principal at Smith Middle School. Since retirement, Jim has served as a temporary administrator at Vandalia, Northridge, and Fairborn.

Jim is a life member of the Ohio High School Association of Secondary School Principals. He has been actively involved in teacher training and utilization of clinical evaluation models. He was a specialized coordinator and trainer for TESA (Teacher Expectations Student Achievement) and S.U.R.E. (Schools Utilizing Research Effectively).

Over the years Jim has been involved in Little League Baseball in Huber Heights and Murlin Heights, and Pee wee Football in Vandalia. He has been an officer in the Parent Association for the Northwest YMCA, Phillips Aquatic Club, Willow Swim Club, Vandalia Butler Boosters' Association, and has served on committees for bond issues and school levies for the Vandalia Butler Schools.

Jim has been married to Pat, whom he met at DePauw, for more than 40 years. They have a daughter, Joy (1964), and a son, Chris (1966). They

enjoy visiting their children and grandchildren in Michigan and on the east coast.

"I am very much in awe of this honor--Certainly the Northridge Schools and the community are a strong part of my heritage and my desire to serve young people. I am indeed very proud to have been a part of this community."