

David Neal Frantz

David Franz is a Northridge graduate, who is a well-respected physician, a published author in medical journals and textbooks, and a featured speaker at hospitals, clinics, and in-service workshops.

David was born in Dayton in 1959. From first grade to graduation, he attended Northridge schools, beginning at Morrison, then the Middle School, and graduating from NHS in 1977. At NHS, Dave was president of Key Club, on the staffs of WGXM radio station and the *Berry Patch* literary magazine, and a member of the marching band and the National Honor Society.

Earning a B.A. degree from Earlham College in 1981, Dave followed with an M.D. degree from the Ohio State College of Medicine. He spent his residency at Wright State University, followed by a fellowship at Dayton Children's Hospital. He is currently an Associate Professor of Pediatrics and Neurology in the Department of Neurology at Children's Hospital Medical Center in Cincinnati.

David comes by his medical talents honestly, since both of his parents, John and Martha Franz, are doctors. His parents still reside in Northridge.

Dr. Franz said:

I feel that Northridge was the ideal place for me to grow up. I was able to meet a variety of people with many backgrounds, values, and goals. I had many superb teachers and friends who helped me learn, not merely academic knowledge, but how to listen, live with, and better understand other people. I don't think I am any different than any of my classmates, fundamentally. I was lucky to have parents and a family who encouraged me to explore and try out whatever I thought I wanted to do. I have also had many opportunities to learn and try new things with many mentors and role models. These people are the reason that I have accomplished whatever I have, not anything special in me.