



Five Ben Davis High School alumni added to school's wall of fame



Alumni Wall of Fame Ceremony, Ben Davis High School, March 7, 2015. Pictured from left: Ben Davis High School Principal Sandra Squire; Jan-na Faulk (wife of Dr. Dan Faulk); Pamela Altmeyer Alvey; John Layton; Betty Faulk (mother of Dr. Dan Faulk); Dean Berry, Jr.; Christal Phelps Steele; and MSD of Wayne Township Superintendent Jeff Butts.

A humanitarian, an entrepreneur, an oral surgeon, a sheriff, and a symphony orchestra assistant concertmaster are the newest faces on the Ben Davis High School Alumni Wall of Fame.

Plaques honoring the five Ben Davis alumni were added to the wall near the school's entrance during a ceremony on Saturday, March 7. The five individuals are Pamela Altmeyer Alvey, class of 1964; Dean Berry, Jr., class of 1959; Dan Faulk, class of 1974; John Layton, class of 1971; and Christal Phelps Steele, class of 1969.

Pamela Altmeyer Alvey spent 29 years as head of Gleaners Food Bank of Central Indiana. Gleaners was formed in 1980 in a garage in Indianapolis and, under the leadership of Mrs. Altmeyer Alvey and other dedicated individuals, has grown into the largest nonprofit provider of assistance to needy families in the state of Indiana. It has provided hundreds of millions of pounds of products to Hoosiers in their time of need.

Dean Berry, Jr. became founder of Memphis Communications Corporation in Memphis, Tennessee, after a 10-year career with Bell & Howell. Today, Memphis Communications represents more than 140 different manufacturers in four distinct communication disciplines. Those disciplines are vision and security management, audio-visual systems, document solutions, and mailing solutions. The company employs more than 100 people, five of whom are Dean's sons.

Dr. Dan Faulk, who passed away in 2010, was an oral surgeon with Indiana Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery Associates for 25 years. After graduating from Ben Davis, he attended the University of Notre Dame and the Indiana University School of Dentistry. Dr. Faulk held numerous professional memberships and appointments. His practice was located in Speedway with a satellite office in Lebanon.

Marion County Sheriff John Layton has been serving the community with the Marion County Sheriff's Office for more than 40 years. As sheriff, he leads more than 1,000 employees, oversees three jails, and manages a budget of more than \$100 million. At the beginning of his career, Sheriff Layton worked in the detention ward at Wishard Memorial Hospital. He spent many years as a patrol deputy before becoming a detective, first investigating narcotics and vice violations and then sexual and physical abuse cases. Sheriff Layton also created the Marion County Sheriff's Regional Gang and Intelligence Unit.

Christal Phelps Steele has been with the Indianapolis Symphony Orchestra more than 41 years. She joined the orchestra in 1973 as assistant principal second violin. She became assistant concertmaster in 1978 and served in that leadership capacity until 2014, when she relinquished her position and became a section player, which allowed her time to pursue other interests, including photography. Mrs. Phelps Steele has worked with some of the world's greatest performers, including Ella Fitzgerald and Isaac Stern.

The Alumni Wall of Fame celebration was emceed by Ben Davis High School Principal Sandra Squire.

"Ben Davis produces excellence," Mrs. Squire said. "Today, we are seeing some of the excellence that Ben Davis has produced."

MSD Wayne Superintendent Jeff Butts thanked the five honorees for contributing to the district's legacy of pride.

"After today, your presence on the Alumni Wall of Fame is forever a reminder of the greatness that can be achieved in this place, the greatness that can be achieved because of this place, and the greatness that is this place," Dr. Butts said. "Thank you for all you have done and all that you will continue to do as a Ben Davis Giant."