

ALUMNI HALL OF FAME INDUCTEE
Robert (Bob) Fry

Robert (Bob) Fry, a Gahanna Lincoln High School graduate from the Class of 1972, is a third-generation carpenter and homebuilder and quickly became an entrepreneur, owning and operating eight businesses across a broad marketplace spectrum.

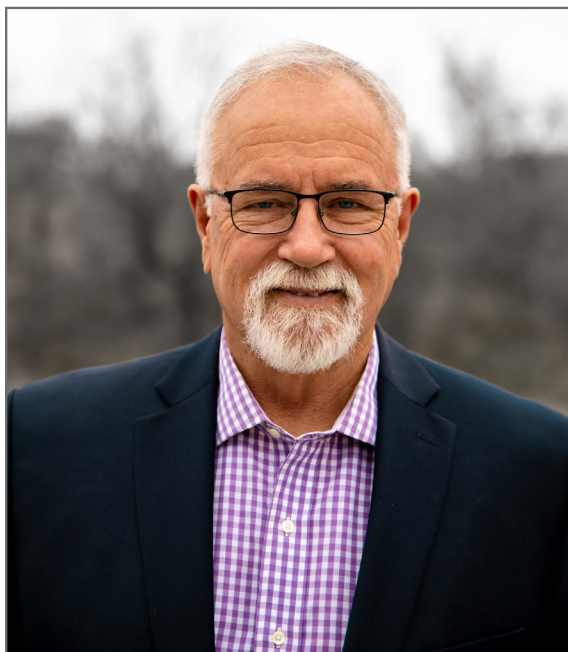
During his time at GLHS, Fry was especially fond of his three years in mechanical and architectural drafting with Mr. Robert McDowell. His government teacher, Mr. Dale Foor, can be credited with instilling in Fry the confidence to be able to communicate in front of others.

At 19 years old, Fry became an entrepreneur, the same year he really put his efforts into his faith. He became aware, at that moment, of the great value there is in people and the importance of realizing the potential we have in our lives as individuals. His desire to bring his faith into the marketplace became a central focus in his life.

Over the last 50 years, three of Fry's businesses were centered around homebuilding. He's had the privilege of building some of the finest custom homes in central Ohio. Fry also worked to build a publicly and privately funded 44 house subdivision in inner city Columbus that won a national award through The Department of Housing and Urban Development.

In a different business venture beginning in 1974, Fry, along with his father, Howard, owned and operated a cabinet and furniture making business that spanned 35 years. This led to another wood-working business, developed to provide furniture for the premium cigar industry. His clientele ranged from the general public to prominent business people and pro athletes.

Fry also owned a personal training facility with his sons. That allowed him the opportunity to not only prepare athletes of all ages for their sports but to mentor them as well.



"Because I had the honor of watching Bob Fry go after the desires of his heart and excel in so many different industries and arenas, I learned to be fearless and do the same in my life," Desmond Hale, a former training client and athlete at Denison University said. "I pursued my career as an artist, and I've mentored young men and women who needed the same things I needed when I met Mr. Fry."

In 1978, Fry received ordination as a licensed Minister. He has been involved in both speaking and developing faith-based programs to reach into both juvenile and adult systems in the Ohio Department of Corrections for 45 years. Fry has planted two churches, spoken internationally and continues to be a guest speaker to business groups, conferences and churches of various denominations.

Fry has been married to the love of his life, Kathy, for 48 years. They have three children, Aaron, Michael, and Jennifer along with their spouses. And they've been blessed with five grandchildren.

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