

## INDUCTEE

### Gary R. Kitsmiller

Graduated . . . . 1963  
Married . . . . . Sandi Mondulick  
Children . . . . . Ryan  
Resides . . . . . Gahanna

As a student at Gahanna Lincoln High School, Gary excelled in nearly every task he attempted, winning academic and athletic honors and often being selected by faculty and his fellow students for leadership positions, serving as treasurer in his Class and the National Honor Society. He was a standout in track and field qualifying for the state finals in high jump and was a member of one of the most memorable GLHS basketball teams of the sixties. His class voted him "Best Citizen."

Gary graduated as valedictorian of his high school class, received an undergraduate degree in business as well as a Master of Business Administration from The Ohio State University. He served two years in the United States army achieving First Lieutenant status and receiving the Army Commendation Medal, as well as other honors and recognition.

Gary spent his entire professional career working directly with, or in support of, the development program at The Ohio State University, retiring in 2004 as the Assistant Vice President for Development. His influence on the growth of the department and the fund itself is well recognized. Seventeen years ago the Office of University Development established a program to recognize staff whose service was exceptional. The **first** person honored was Gary Kitsmiller. The OSU Foundation Associate Vice President John Meyer states "Gary's quiet professionalism touches all aspects of the university—the arts and sciences, the medical center, veterinary medicine and athletics." The growth of Ohio State's national leadership in educational philanthropy from a \$14 million per year office to a \$200 million annual operation "would not have been possible without Gary Kitsmiller's knowledgeable hand and expert skill. The staff best summed up their admiration of Gary's work a year ago when they (sic) renamed the staff recognition awards for him."

Jerry May, a former Vice President of OSU's Development, now serving in that position at the University of Michigan says, "Gary Kitsmiller is simply put one of the best professional I have ever worked with and one of the finest human beings I have known... In his work (with the Annual Giving program), Gary built the entire platform of support services and infrastructure that has enabled Ohio State to be a powerhouse in generating private support." His "professionalism is outstanding, but his compassion toward people is one his greatest qualities. He is a strong but caring manager."

He has been a much sought after speaker at seminars and conferences throughout the nation and has authored articles and papers for publications and professional magazines and journals. He is a member of the Council for Advancement and Support of Education and a past president of the Central Ohio Chapter of the Association of Records and Managers and Administrators.

He has been actively involved in the community serving as past president and board member of the Rotary Club of Gahanna, a founding member of the Gahanna Jefferson Education Foundation and a director of the Gahanna Lincoln Athletic Hall of Fame.