

David M. Beall Memorial Scholarship

David Beall was a beloved teacher at Maconaquah High school and such an inspiration to his students that, even after leaving his class, they continue to consider the question "What would Mr. Beall do?"

Born in 1944 in Peru, David graduated from Oak Hill High School in 1962 and Manchester College in 1966. He received his graduate degree at Ball State University before getting a job teaching social studies at Maconaquah High School in 1966. A member of the Richland Chapel United Methodist Church, the Converse Lions Club, the Maconaquah Education Association, as well as other organization, David was actively involved in the community.



Mr. Beall taught government, a class required by all students at the school, but he always taught above and beyond the required curriculum. Mr. Beall understood that his students would eventually leave Maconaquah and one day lead the country, and he made sure that every student had the necessary skills to do so. He knew his subject so well that students were often astounded how little they used the textbook in his class—the students could read the information in the textbook, but he wanted to teach them how to *apply* that information.

Outside of teaching, David enjoyed working in his yard and garden, watching IU basketball, and spending time with his grandchildren. Even outside of the classroom, however, teaching was his passion, and he enjoyed hearing from and keeping up with former students.

Sadly, David passed away in November of 2005 due to complications after a heart attack, but with help from the Miami County Community Foundation, his wife, Janita, created a scholarship fund in his honor.

Before she and he sons left the hospital, Janita knew that she wanted to create a scholarship so that David could continue to help students learn and continue their education. With this scholarship, David continues to help students fulfill their dreams even when he is no longer with us in person. After discussing her options with her brother-in-law, Janita took his advice and contacted the Northern Indiana Community Foundation.

"And I am so glad that we did," said Janita, "because now I don't even have to worry about it. They have done a much better job than if I had taken care of it myself."

After meeting with the Community Foundation Program and Communication Director, Corinne Becknell-Lucas, Janita decided on the criteria for the scholarship. David knew that students have different ways of learning and he tried to reach every one of them. For this reason, Janita wanted to make the scholarship available to students who work hard yet may not have achieved the best grades.

"When we created the scholarship, we really wanted to stay true to the person he was," said Janita.

To be eligible for the David W. Beall Memorial Scholarship Fund, students must be residents of Miami County and graduating Seniors of Maconaquah High School who have attended the school for at least 4 years. Students must also be planning to attend a college, university, or trade school in the state of

Indiana and show financial need. A GPA of a C or above is required and applicant **must not** be in the top 10% of the graduating class. Those applying should also be actively involved in school, work, and the community.

For more information on the David's scholarship, the Miami County Community Foundation, or to find out how to fulfill your charitable wishes, please contact Patrick Close, MCCF Director of Development, at 765-475-2859 or visit nicf.org.