

DISTINGUISHED ALUMNUS AWARD

DR. PHILIP G. MAGUIRE

CLASS 1973



In the fall of 1961, Philip Maguire's parents, both alumni of John Carroll School (as the school was then known), Class of 1946, moved the family to a home on NW 34th Street. He quickly became part of the "34th Street Gang," a close-knit community of 60-70 children, most of whom attended John Carroll School.

As a young boy, Phil walked to school daily, often returning home for lunch, and spent his afternoons riding bikes to Memorial Park or playing on the first-grade playground. His class, the John Carroll School Class of 1973, began with 32 students and grew to 40 by the eighth grade. These formative years not only provided a strong academic foundation in a Catholic setting but also fostered lifelong friendships and a love for school sports through the CGSAA.

Phil attended Bishop McGuinness Catholic High School, graduating in 1977. He then pursued his undergraduate studies at Centenary College of Louisiana, completing his degree in 1981. Phil continued his academic journey at the University of Oklahoma, where he earned his Doctor of Dental Surgery (DDS) degree in 1986. Recently, Phil helped organize his class's 50th reunion, showing his dedication to maintaining those bonds.

As a parent, Phil and his wife, Laura, continued the tradition of Catholic education by enrolling their four children—Hugh, William, Claire, and Jennifer—at Bishop John Carroll School. Phil remained active in the school community, taking on roles such as coaching, serving as PTO treasurer and athletic director, and volunteering in various capacities, including working concessions, organizing tournaments, and serving pizza every Friday, earning him the nickname "Pizza Man."

Phil also dedicated his time to his church, serving as an usher, RCIA sponsor, and confirmation sponsor. His legacy lives on with a fourth-generation Maguire now attending BJCCS, reflecting the family's ongoing commitment to Catholic education.

Today, Phil balances his dental practice with enjoying time with his five grandchildren, while also fitting in travel and fishing whenever he can. He remains deeply grateful for the education, spiritual growth, and lifelong friendships that John Carroll School provided, as well as the sacrifices his parents made to give him that opportunity.