

Alumni Service Award

James Monninger

The University High School Alumni Association honors James Monninger, class of 1964, as the 2015 Alumni Service Award recipient for his contributions to University High School.

Monninger graduated from U-High in 1964. He played football during his freshman and senior years, earning both a numeral and a letter. During his tenure at U-High, he was also involved in Diversified Occupations during his junior and senior years. Diversified Occupations was a half-day of classroom activities followed by a half-day of on-the-job training. Monninger's training was in the food service centers of Illinois State University.

Several teachers made quite an impact on Monninger during his time at U-High. Mr. Sharp, who sponsored Diversified Occupations, was one of his favorites. Other big influences on his educational career were Mr. Bell and Coach Butts, his football coach.

After graduation and a four year stint in the military, Monninger began attending Illinois State University in the fall of 1971. Taking classes intermittently over the years, Monninger graduated with a degree and two minors from Illinois State in the spring of 2000.

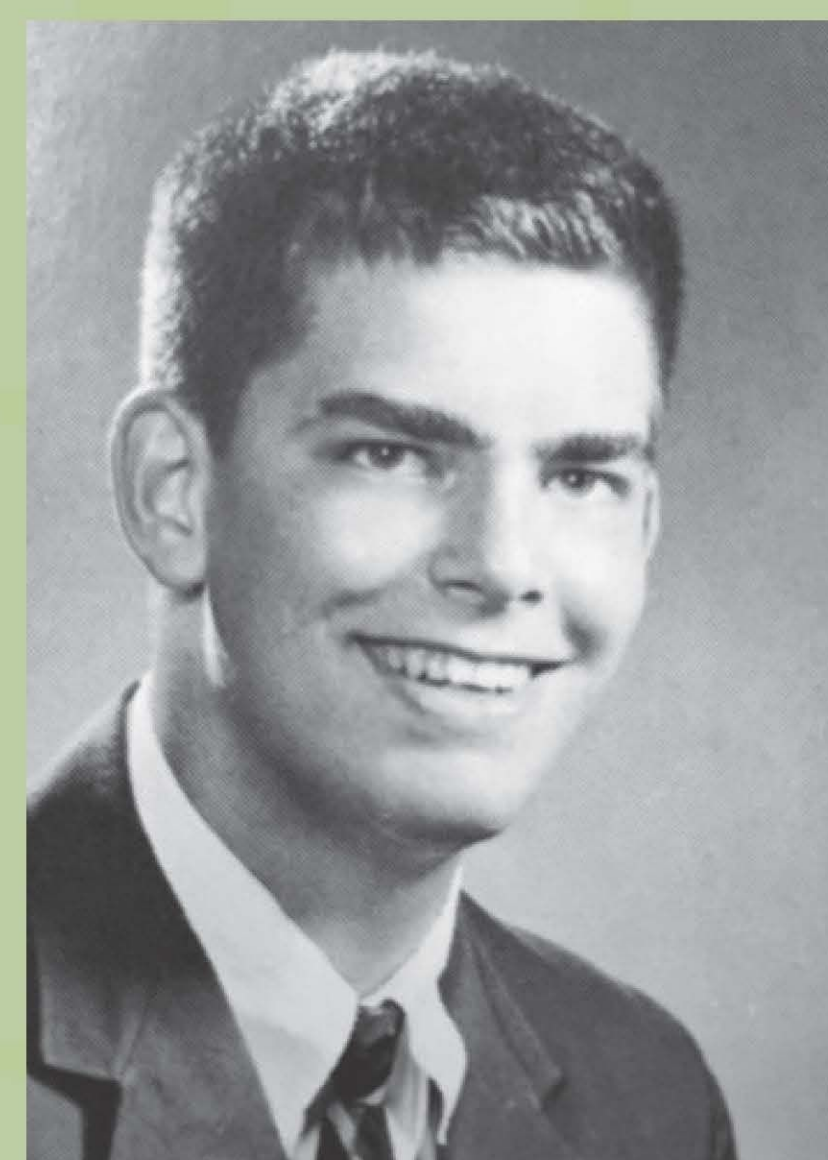
Over the years, Monninger has volunteered many hours to his alma mater. He has been in charge of videotaping many of the U-High sports programs. The volunteer effort has included videotaping games and practices for football and cutting up and editing those videos for the coaches. Monninger's primary focus has been with the Football and Girls Basketball programs, volunteering for twelve years and thirteen years respectively, and he is still a volunteer for Girls Basketball.

He has also videotaped many other sports programs including:

- Boys Basketball
- Golf
- Soccer
- Softball
- Tennis
- Track
- Volleyball

Monninger has been married to Andrea Fitzgibbon for 39 years and they have three children; Robert, Stacia, and John, along with five grandchildren.

Monninger has proudly served U-High as a longtime volunteer. His hard work and dedication to the school and its sports programs is forever appreciated.



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