

Friends of U-High Award

Jim Scott

The University High School Alumni Association honors Jim Scott as the 2017 Friends of U-High Award Recipient for his contributions to University High School.

Scott was a Carthage High School graduate, where he was selected for All State Honors in Basketball. After high school, he attended and graduated from Carthage College. At Carthage College, he was one of the first selections to their Athletics Hall of Fame. Scott earned 4 letters in Basketball, 4 letters in Baseball, 3 letters in Track, and 2 letters in Football.

Twenty-one days after graduating from Carthage College, Scott was drafted in the US Army. He proudly served his country for three and a half years, with the last year being transferred to the US Marine Air Force.

Upon completion of his service, Scott attended Illinois State Normal University, where he earned his Master's Degree. During this time, he was selected to serve in the National Selective Service until its completion. As a result, Scott was awarded a Certificate of Appreciation from then President Gerald R. Ford, which he deems as one of the greatest things that has happened in his life.

Scott became a member of the University High School family in 1957 when he was first hired as a teacher and coach. His first assignments at U-High were to teach Health and Physical Education (PE), supervise Student Teachers, coach Freshman/Sophomore Football and Sophomore Basketball, and be the Head Baseball Coach.

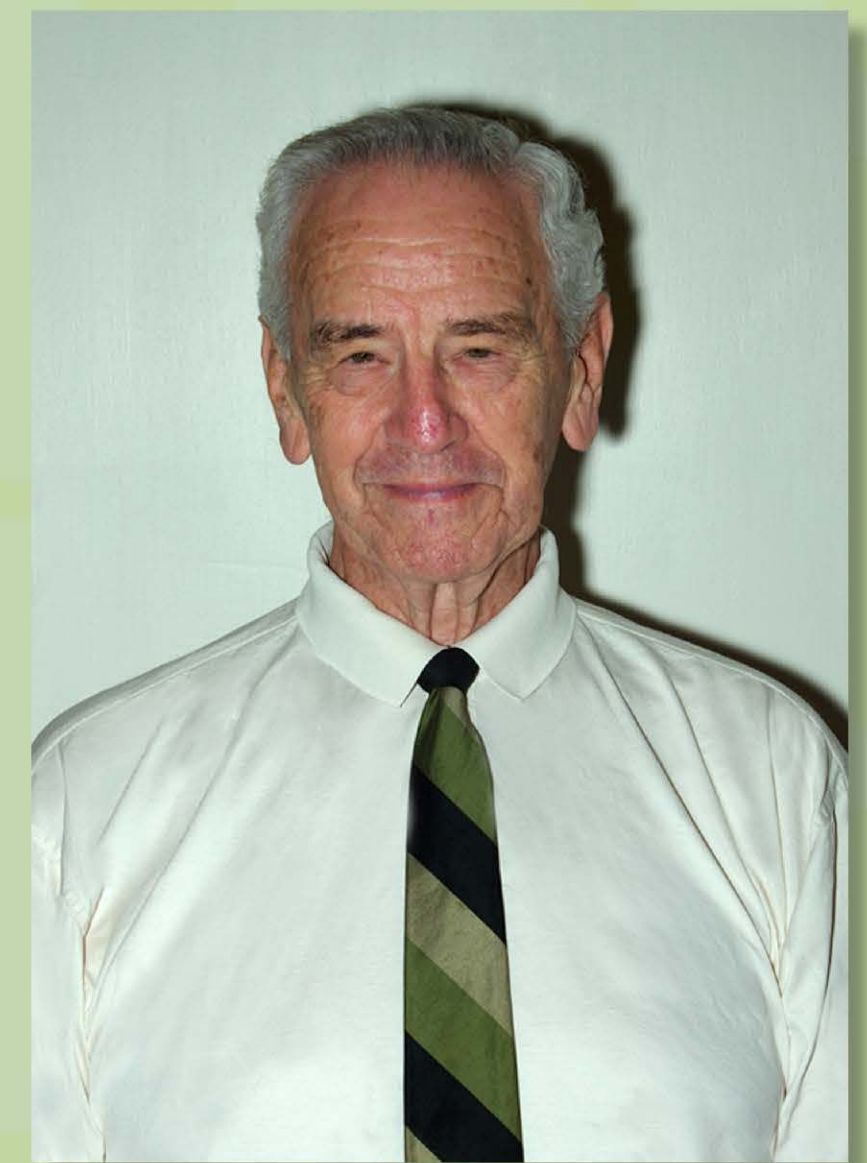
During his tenure at U-High, Scott was asked to help supervise as much or more than any teacher. The reason given was because of his "size" and the fact that the kids would do as he says because of it. In fact, Scott had many great accomplishments while at U-High. A few of his most notable were starting the Health Program at U-High and teaching those classes until he retired, starting the Girls Swim Program and Boy and Girls Golf Programs, and serving as the Head Baseball Coach at U-High for over 40 years. Throughout his teaching and coaching roles, Scott positively impacted thousands of student's and player's development and personal lives.

In addition to his contributions to the school, Scott has also found time to give back to his community. He has volunteered his time to several Community Organization groups, such as the Optimist Club and the Sister Cities Program.

Scott and his wife, Carol, have raised four boys they are very proud of. Their goal 60 years ago was to help them complete a college degree. They have two boys with Doctorate Degree's, one with a Professional Golf Job, and one with his own Construction Company.

Jim Scott has proudly served and contributed to U-High in many ways as a teacher and coach. His dedication to the school is forever appreciated.

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