

## *Pioneer Hall of Fame Award*

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# *David Little*

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The University High School Alumni Association honors David Little, class of 1985, as a 2018 Hall of Fame Alumni Award Recipient for his contributions to his profession, athletic career, and civic service.

Little was raised the son of a prominent local veterinary family in Bloomington/Normal, born to Dr. Bruce and Nancy Little. Following in the footsteps of his sister, Libby, and brother, Tom, he attended Metcalf Elementary and University High Schools from K-12.

At U-High, Little's passion became athletics, where he earned nine varsity letters in total: track (4); football (3); and basketball (2). Little seemed to stand out in football above the other sports, receiving All-City and All-Conference honors beginning in his sophomore year. In addition, he received WJBC Player of the Week recognition and was voted Most Valuable Player by his teammates and coaches in his senior season. One of his biggest accomplishments that year was being recognized with the Army Reserve Scholar/Athlete award.

After high school, Little first attended Iowa State University, where he played one year of varsity football. Little then transferred to Indiana University (IU), where he played 4 years under College Hall of Fame coach Bill Mallory. During his time at IU, the Hoosiers were invited to 3 post-season bowl games, All-American Bowl vs. Florida State University (1986), Peach Bowl vs. University of Tennessee (1987), and Liberty Bowl vs. South Carolina (1988). During the 1988 season, the Hoosiers climbed the national rankings to #12; however, were defeated by Michigan State University for the Big 10 championship, thus ending their hope for a Rose Bowl bid. During his time at Indiana University, Little was named to the IU Athletic/Academic Honor Roll 8 out of 8 semesters and received a Degree in Sports Marketing & Management.

After college, Little moved to Honolulu, Hawaii and married Stacey Archer in December 1990. While in Honolulu, Little helped build a successful construction & landscaping business with his Brother-in-Law, and together with his choreographer/dancer wife, also created a not-for-profit organization which brought low cost dance programs to remote areas of Oahu. In addition, they also provided dance programs to low income housing funded through the Hawaii "DARE" initiative. Over the course of the next 9 years while in Hawaii, Little and his wife welcomed their 3 children to the world: Trey, Haley, and Travis.

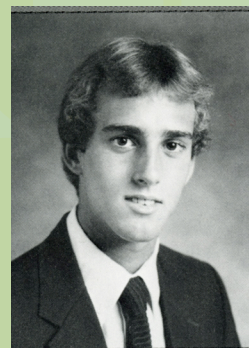
In 1999, Little and his family made a trip to Bolingbrook, Illinois, where he took a position with the American Veterinary Medical Association (AVMA) as Director of Conventions & Meetings. In this position, he assisted in the planning and coordination of the AVMA Annual Convention, which attracts over 10,000 attendees annually for veterinary continuing education.

Little was then recruited and hired as the Assistant CEO of Western Veterinary Conference (WVC) located in Las Vegas, Nevada in 2009. In this new position, he was challenged with opening a first of its kind, state-of-the-art, medical education facility, which provides hand's-on training to over 45,000 veterinary and human medical professionals from across the world. In addition to its educational facility, WVC also produces an annual veterinary conference attracting over 14,000 attendees each year. In 2013, David was promoted to the position of CEO and is currently charged with oversight and direction for this \$20M, 501c(3), not for profit organization.

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