

## WHS Distinguished Citizen: James E. Johnson

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#### **Washington High School Class of 1948**

**Honored in the areas of:** Domestic and international marketing and sales

**Education:** Civil engineering from the Case Institute of Technology, 1948-49; B.S. in mathematics from Kent State University, 1953.

**Professional experience:** Johnson served as a research and development engineer for Goodyear Aerospace and went on to work for Griscom Russell Co. Following that, he worked nearly 25 years with B.F. Goodrich and, during that time, served as manager of international tire operations, director of licensing international operations, director of export marketing international operations and general manager of International Operations.

A lifelong resident of Massillon, Johnson was committed to serving the city. A Tiger football season ticket-holder from 1948 until his death in 2010, Johnson served as a Tiger Orangeman and was a lifetime member of the Booster Club. He was also president of Massillon Shrine, director of the Massillon Lions Club and involved on the Massillon City Planning Commission.

**Awards and honors:** Throughout his career, Johnson was recognized on a number of levels, receiving awards from countries in Europe, Africa, the Middle East and Far East as well as South and Central America and Southeast Asia.

**Something you maynot know about Mr. Johnson:** He served as a sergeant with the U.S. Army 3rd Division Artillery from 1953-55 and observed the firing of the 280mm atomic cannon.



## WHS Distinguished Citizen: Dave McAfee

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Washington High School Class of 1981

**Honored in the area of:** Music.

**Education:** Music Performance/Education, Ohio University 1981-1983.

**Professional experience:** A musician at his core, he founded Dave McAfee Productions, Inc. in 2007. The company specializes in studio recording, producing, showcasing and talent development. Best known for his drumming, McAfee has played and toured with several country artists including Toby Keith, Mason Dixon, Bryan White and Wade Hayes. McAfee appeared on and co-produced Jamey Johnson's album "The Lonsome Song" which was nominated for three Grammy Awards including Best Album.

**Awards and honors:** Chosen as the the 2009 Modern Drummer Magazine Readers' Poll Award Winner, McAfee has received seven Grammy nominations, including two for albums he co-produced. He also helped country musician Jamey Johnson earn recognition for his song "In Color" which won the 2009 ACM and CMA Song of the Year Award.

**Something you may not know about McAfee:** While on tour with bands and musicians, McAfee has performed in more than 300 U.S. cities and 23 countries.



## WHS Distinguished Citizen: Charles E. Brown

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### **Washington High School Class of 1962**

**Honored in the areas of:** Athletics, Human Services, Youth Development

**Education:** B.A. from Syracuse University (1966)

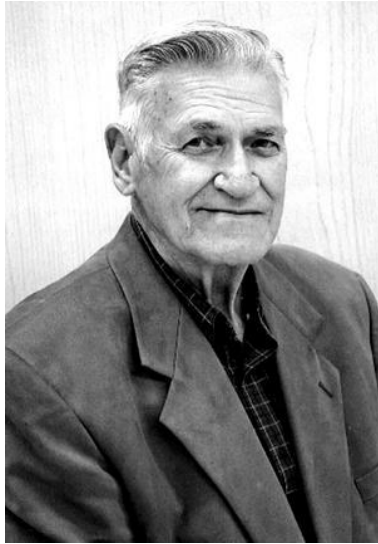
**Professional experience:** After playing football for the Massillon Tigers, Brown went on to play at Syracuse University before heading to the NFL, where he played with the Chicago Bears and Buffalo Bills.

After football, Brown dedicated himself to bettering the world around him through his involvement in a number of organizations. Most notably, he served as the executive director of the Robert Taylor Boys and Girls Club in Chicago.

He also co-founded One Tiger, Inc., a nonprofit committed to benefiting Massillon youth.

**Awards and honors:** Named an All-American in high school and All-Conference in college; elected to Canton Old-Timers Hall of Fame and the Washington High School Athletic Hall of Fame.

**Something you may not know about Mr. Brown:** He has served as president of the NFL Alumni Association of Chicago, a group whose mission is to enhance the physical and financial well-being of retired NFL players.



## WHS Distinguished Citizen: Leo J. Grosswiller Jr.

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Washington High School Class of 1950

**Honored in the area of:** Engineering

**Education:** B.S. in Mechanical Engineering from the University of Cincinnati (1960); Post-graduate courses, Carnegie-Mellon Institute of Technology (1973).

**Professional experience:** Worked 42 years with Diebold, having most recently served as the company's manager of security products development and engineering. His primary job was to design and manage the development of vaults, vault doors, after-hour depositories, money safes and remote banking system products including ATM and pneumatic air tube systems.

**Awards and honors:** Acquired more than 25 patents for Diebold security and transaction products. He was honored by the National Inventor's Hall of Fame in 1996 as one of the museum's "Distinguished Corporate Inventors."

**Something you may not know about Mr. Grosswiller:** He served as the engineering manager and development contributor of the Hope Diamond display case at the Smithsonian Institute in Washington, D.C.

