



# March 21, 1993 Wyandotte Distinguished Graduate Inductee



James M. Johnston  
Class of 1958

James M. Johnston, class president, athlete, and former educator has devoted his life to community service.

Upon graduation from Roosevelt High School, this six letter athlete enrolled in Michigan State University, where he rowed with the MSU Rowing Crew. He graduated in 1962 with a B.S. in Forestry, and in 1963 received his teaching certificate in Biological Science, with a Physical Science minor. He was commissioned a Second Lieutenant in the United States Army. He taught in

Wyandotte at Lincoln Middle School prior to a disabling auto accident which left him a quadriplegic.

Jim was the recipient of the Wyandotte Public Schools Certificate of Recognition for outstanding service and contribution to the children and youth of the community. In 1985, he founded the Roosevelt High School Alumni Football Club, a group dedicated to promoting sports in Wyandotte. The Alumni Club has furnished equipment, uniforms, signs, yard markers, a renovated field house, and many scholarships to benefit Roosevelt High School Football participants. Jim is an active member of the Roosevelt High School Booster Club and the Wyandotte Sports Hall of Fame Selection Committee.

To Jim, community includes the neighborhood where he helped establish and lead McKinley Neighbors United in the successful revitalization of the Wyandotte South End. He serves as a committee member for the development of the south end riverside park, as well as the City of Wyandotte Tax Increment Finance Authority Consolidated Development Area Citizens Advisory Council.

Jim has made it his mission to be involved, and has distinguished himself in that endeavor.