

The Class of 2010 Selects... John E. Kosar (Class of 1956)



For over four decades Mr. Kosar has headed the nationally and internationally acclaimed architectural firm of Burt Hill. After attending Lyndora Elementary school, Mr. Kosar Graduated from Butler High School in 1956. Mr. Kosar started his career with a Bachelor of Science degree in Architecture from the University of Cincinnati in 1962.

Joining Burt Hill in 1958 as an architectural intern, Mr. Kosar has steadily grown with his firm becoming a senior associate in 1967, partner of Burt Hill Associates in 1969, Director of Burt Hill Kosar Rittlemann Associates in 1972 and President and Chairman of Burt Hill International by 2003. Today as Principal of Burt Hill, Mr. Kosar has participated in the successful metamorphosis of a small regional architectural office into a recognized, award winning multi-national/international corporation with offices in Pittsburgh, Philadelphia, Cleveland, Washington D.C., Boston, Florida,

London and the city of Dubai in the United Arab Emirates. Throughout his tenure, the staff size of Burt Hill has grown from a modest 8 architects and office staff to over 500 multi-national, multi-lingual, and multi-talented professionals.

Living and working where he grew up and totally committed to the improvement and well being of his employees and the community and region in which they live. Mr. Kosar has served on the boards of and given his efforts for organizations such as, the American Cancer Society, Butler County Chamber of Commerce, Butler Memorial Hospital Foundation, Butler Public Library, Butler County Area Vo-tech Advisory Board, Butler Golden Tornado Foundation, Catholic Social Services, the Community Development Corporation, Jaycees, Rotary, Butler YMCA, March of Dimes, Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Pittsburgh, Cornerstone of CMU, George Junior Republic, the PA Economy League, March of Dimes, Special Olympics of PA and many, many more.

In addition to his philanthropic work Mr. Kosar has received the Entrepreneur of the Year Award by Inc. Magazine, the SBN – 2002 Pittsburgh Pacesetter's Award and the Butler County Business Community Distinguished Service Award. He has written extensively for both trade and client publications and received recognition for his achievements in such media sources as Pittsburgh Business Times, USA Today, Khaleej Times, Fortune Magazine, INC Magazine, Whirl, as well as participated in both radio and television programming.