Donald Thomas
Distinguished Service

Donald Thomas not only attended Herculaneum High School, but he also does so much for our district as a whole through his company, Thomas Industrial Coating.

Thomas shows the true meaning of “Once a Blackcat, Always a Blackat” with his endless contributions to our schools and community. There isn’t a building in the Dunklin R-5 School District that hasn't been painted or refreshed in some way by Thomas Industrial Coating (free of charge).

He opened Thomas Industrial Coating in 1991 and never looked back. Thomas is an active and respected member of the coating community, even winning the Lifetime Achievement award from SSPC, the industry's highest standard of excellence.

Our sports fields have been maintained and updated by Donnie’s crews. He has generously funded our Blackcat Renaissance Scholarships each year. These scholarships go to five students who receive the scholarship & then one student who receives the Blackcat Award & a larger scholarship. He hosts students at Thomas Industrial to talk

about the careers available there. Thomas has employed 11 of our former students in high-level positions at his company and employs many members of our community.

Donald and his wife, Claudia, have four children Matthew, Joshua, and his wife, Margeaux, Teresa and her husband, Nate, and Donald (Brandon) and his wife, Emily.
Thomas has 13 grandchildren: Desiree, Dalton, Destiny, Hayden, Matthew Jr, Cru, Briggs, Stella, Thomas, Madeline, Karlee, Donald Jr, & Reagan.