

INDUCTEE

Gary W. James

Graduated1967
Children.Amy, Sarah, Matthew
ResidesJefferson Township

During high school Gary dipped his hand in a variety of activities honing his entrepreneurial talents even then. His efforts won him the Senior Select "Best All Around" title and prepared him well for his future endeavors. Immediately following graduation he began his studies at the General Motors Institute in Flint, Michigan. He continued to work full time as a lab technician at the Fisher Body Division of General Motors while he was also a full time student at Franklin University, earning his bachelor's degree in Business Administration and Industrial Management in 1971.

After two years working for Twyco, Inc., a local electronics company, he founded his own manufacturing electronics company, Dynalab, Inc., in 1973. In 1978 he sold his company and stayed on as manager of Product Development for three years.

On his own again in 1981, Gary founded G. W. James & Associates to continue designing and manufacturing computer hardware. In 1990 he reacquired the rights to his original company name and it was Dynalab, Inc., once again and quickly became the corporate entity for all manufacturing and design activity. Located in Reynoldsburg, Dynalab is divided into two divisions: Electronic Manufacturing Services (EMS) and Test Systems serving such major companies as Lucent, NCR, Toledo Scale, Unisys, Emerson Electric, United Technologies, Tyco and many other Fortune 500 companies. In 2001 Dynalab, Inc. was chosen as a *Fast Fifty* honoree in *Business First*, Columbus, Ohio, and in 2002 the Test Systems division was selected as a worldwide Top 100 Contract Manufacturing Service Company listed by *Circuits Assembly* magazine. The Test Systems division continues to be the world leader in Circuit Analyzers for testing vehicle wiring (automobiles, trucks, buses, motorcycles). Active with his professional associates, Gary has served as president of JAAS Systems, LTD, (affiliated with Microsoft Business Systems) and as secretary of Automatic Measurement Systems, LLC (manufacturer of printed circuit board functional testers). He has served as a board member of MD Systems, Inc. (developer of medical devices for blood pressure control) and as president of GPAX, Ltd., (an automation packaging system manufacturer). In 1988, Gary was personally recognized by *Ernst & Young/Money Magazine* with an Entrepreneur of the Year Award, a validation of his continual growth in business and industry.

In 1981, Franklin University honored him as Outstanding Alumnus of the Year. An active alumni, he has been a member of the Board of Trustees since 1994, secretary of that board from 2000 through 2004, and in 1982-83 served the Alumni Association as its president. A longtime community service volunteer, Gary has been a member of the Gahanna Kiwanis since 1974 (president 1977-78), a past treasurer and board member of National Church Residences of Gahanna (the group that built Stygler Village Retirement Center), a past treasurer and deacon of the Good Samaritan Church of Gahanna as well as a member of their long range planning and building committees. He is a current member of the Pastoral Advisory Board of the Shepherd Nazarene Church of Gahanna. He has been on several church work and witness trips to Mexico and Dominica and worked with Habitat for Humanity. Gary is a volunteer pilot for Angel Flight, an organization providing air transportation for medical, humanitarian and disaster related needs. He also participates in the Experimental Aircraft Association's Young Eagles program offering youth the opportunity to experience flight. Over the past two or three years working with this program, Gary has personally flown more than eighty young people.

Gary resides in Jefferson Township. His daughter Sarah, a 1996 graduate of Gahanna Lincoln, provides marketing skills for his other daughter Amy in her orthodontic practice in New Jersey. His son Matthew, a 2002 Gahanna Lincoln graduate, is a political science major at Miami University in Oxford, Ohio. Gary enjoys spending time with his three grandchildren whenever they can make the miles disappear.