

Robert L. Witt Scholarship

Bob Witt was hired as a business teacher and athletic coach at Eisenhower High School in Decatur in 1957. Over the next 33 years Bob coached wrestling, basketball, football, baseball, and cross country track, and is best remembered for his years spent with the basketball team. In 1976 the Eisenhower Panthers won the Decatur Thanksgiving Holiday tournament as well as regional and sectional titles and their super sectional battle. There seemed to be a special chemistry between the 1976 team and the coach, which made their trip to Champaign-Urbana and winning 4th place in the State quite memorable.

In 1976 Coach Witt was named Coach of the Year by the Decatur Herald and Review. Held in high esteem by generations of students, friends and family, he was honored in the dedication of classmate James Fisher's book *In The Shadow of The Court House*. The first sentence of the prologue reads, "The first day of my life was when I was eight years old and met Bobby Witt."

When Coach Witt died in 1990 from cancer many thoughtful things were done in his honor. The faculty of Eisenhower High School arranged that on February 22, 1991 the school gym was dedicated in his honor and named the Robert Witt Gymnasium. In the entry hall of the gym hangs a portrait of Coach Witt painted by an Eisenhower High School art student

The annualized rate of return on investment for The Community Foundation of Decatur/Macon County portfolio was 12.34% on November 30, 2006.

from a picture of Bob. And Eisenhower faculty, family and friends organized a scholarship fund in his memory.

Bob Witt's wife Joy transferred the assets of this scholarship fund to The Community Foundation of Decatur/Macon County earlier this year, in order to realize a strong rate of return on investment and provide more scholarship dollars. Other funds pooled with The Community Foundation this year include the Decatur

High School Class of 1927 Scholarship and the MacArthur High School Lady Generals Award.



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