



1899 BEQUEST SOCIETY

Long before he arrived on campus, Dr. Steve Krist '69 was influenced by Jesuit High School.

"My father, uncles, and cousins attended Jesuit before me, so I always wanted to follow in their footsteps," Krist said.

Now, nearly 50 years after graduation, he is still deeply intertwined with Jesuit.

Krist has long been a leader and generous in his support of the school, giving of his time, talent, and treasure. In 2012-13 he was named the school's Alumnus of the Year, and this past year he joined Jesuit's 1899 Bequest Society.

Bequest Society members are those who have indicated in writing that they have made provisions for Jesuit in their will or estate plans. Krist is leaving an estate gift for Jesuit.

"Ardath (Krist's wife) and I were updating our will, so it was the perfect time to do what we had always intended to do," Krist said. "We decided to give to Jesuit a percentage of our estate.

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When not attending to his dental practice, Krist is active in the Tampa community and with Jesuit High School. He enjoys fishing and spending time with his wife, three daughters, and seven grandchildren while continuing to seek ways to make an impact.

"I love doing missionary work," Krist said. "I have had the opportunity to do a dental mission six times to India and six times to Haiti. It is always the highlight of my year."

This fall, Krist took part in a very special commemoration: The 1968 State Champion Jesuit football team celebrated its 50th anniversary. Those Tigers were the first Hillsborough County school to win a football state title. And though many Jesuit teams have come close since – including three State Semifinal berths the past four seasons – 1968 remains Jesuit's lone football State Champions.

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Krist was among 28 affiliated with the team – 24 of the 41 players, plus 3 coaches and the team physician – who were in attendance and recognized at Jesuit's September 14 football game. It was a remarkable demonstration of fellowship and brotherhood given the passage of five decades.

"Playing high school football for Jesuit was a dream come true and being a part of a State Championship football team was the pinnacle," Krist said. "My fondest memories are without a doubt the lifelong friendships I developed with my classmates and faculty." AM BC

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