ALUMNI SERVICE AWARD
Honoring
George Kutcher ’75
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George M. Kutcher ’75 likes to joke about being the only Wildcat athlete who was recruited twice for the Davidson football team. The first time was as a standout player for Charlotte Catholic School. It’s small wonder that Davidson football coach Dave Fagg recognized the all-county honorable mention and leadership award-winning lineman as an asset worthy of pursuit. In addition to his skills on the gridiron, Kutcher served on the staff of the school newspaper, and was elected class president his senior year. An ideal resume for a college that values academics and athletics equally.

His Davidson life revolved around the football field, the Phi Delta Theta fraternity house, and a UNCC coed, he met during his freshman year, named Janet Newsome. They got married December 20, 1975 shortly after George’s graduation.

George began his career by earning a teaching certificate at UNCC and joining the faculty at Quail Hollow Junior High as a social studies teacher and coach. He served there from 1976-1981, when he joined the corporate world with a job at a drywall distribution company in Charlotte. He was promoted and transferred to the Atlanta area. He earned his MBA in 1985. By 1989 he had forged a happy association with National Gypsum Company, which transferred him back to Charlotte in 1992. He’s still working for National Gypsum 25 years later, having held a variety of sales, marketing and information technology jobs. He now works as the company’s senior manager of electronic marketing. George has served two terms on the board of directors of the Association of Wall and Ceiling Industries. An active member of his community, George has served on the leadership committee of AWCI CARES (Caring Action Relief in Emergency Situations) since 2012.

He has led the National Gypsum corporate walk team for the Leukemia Lymphoma Society Light the Night Walk since 2007 and served on the Light the Night Executive Leadership Council in Charlotte 2011-2013.

But back to the story about being twice recruited…

George always enjoyed keeping up with Davidson football. About 20 years ago he attended a Touchdown Club event, and was delighted to run into his former coach, Dave Fagg, again. Following pleasantries between the two men, Fagg looked Kutcher in the eye and said, “George, I’ve got a job for you…”

George couldn’t refuse his old coach, so willingly let himself be recruited again by Davidson, as a volunteer alumni fundraiser this time. He has been at it more or less the whole time since then, successfully raising money for the football program and the Fund for Davidson. He showed his commitment again by signing on in 2012 as a founding member of the Davidson Gridiron Council.

Because you have been such a positive reflection in the community of your alma mater, and because of your leadership and service, the college is proud to bestow on you, George M. Kutcher Jr. ’75, its Alumni Service Award on the occasion of your 40th Class Reunion.