

Dick Bass '46
Distinguished Alumni Award



Dick Bass '46 was born in Tulsa, Oklahoma and moved to Dallas when he was a small child. Dick was very involved in numerous activities at Highland Park High School including several different athletic teams, president of Hi-Y, member of student council, National Honor Society and as a cheerleader in his senior year. Following his graduation from Yale in 1950, he attended the University of Texas where he earned his master's degree in geology and petroleum engineering. He served two years in the Navy aboard the USS Essex during the Korean War. Dick Bass is truly a human dynamo; filled with energy and enthusiasm. On April 30, 1985, at the age of 55, Dick became the oldest man to reach the summit of Mt. Everest. He was the first person to reach the peak of each of the highest mountains on all seven continents. His challenges and accomplishments in mountain climbing are chronicled in his book, "Seven Summits". Dick was one of the original partners in the Vail Ski Resort in Colorado and has spent the last 40 years as the sole owner and operator of one of the premier ski areas in the country, Snowbird Ski Resort outside of Salt Lake City, Utah. Dick continues to reside in Dallas. He and his wife, Alice, greatly enjoy the time that they get to spend with their combined families of 10 children and 24 grandchildren. It is with great pleasure and enthusiasm that the Highland Park High School Alumni Association awards Dick Bass with the 2013 Distinguished Alumni Award.